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# Year of pain and blessings



Glenn Boyles, a maintenance worker for Twin Falls Canal Co., uses a tractor with a mower to trim the edges of canal banks.

## Family, community try to recover after TF man's death

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For Julie Carter-Briere and her 6-year-old son, Alex, it's been a year of loss and grief.

On Aug. 24, 1999, her husband, Mark A. Briere, died after being exposed to the aquatic herbicide acrolein at his summertime job for Twin Falls Canal Co. He was 38.

Alex's biological father had

passed away that spring, Carter-Briere said. She and Mark Briere, a fellow teacher and coach at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls, were newlyweds.

Alex "did okay this year," Carter-Briere said. An uncle and other family members and friends have stepped in as friends and mentors for the boy, she said.

She said that support, as well as help from other friends and even total strangers - has been a blessing.

Meanwhile, investigations into the accident that claimed Briere's

life uncovered no major negligence on the canal company's part, agency officials said.

Carter-Briere said she doesn't fault the company, and she plans no litigation against it.

"The canal company did wonderfully," she said. "It was an accident. It was a tragic accident."

Investigators surmised that Briere was exposed to the chemical while pumping it into a culvert southwest of Twin Falls. When he moved his truck to allow a nearby resident access to the road, he ran over and broke a plastic pipe,

spilling between one and three gallons of acrolein.

After realizing the chemical was spilling, Briere rushed to stop the flow. In doing so he inhaled some of the fumes and was splashed with some of the chemical.

Briere washed himself off in the culvert and went to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center emergency room. Briere was treated and released from the hospital, but he died the next day.

The canal company was later

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## Divers survey Russian sub, expect no survivors

Knight Ridder News Service

MOSCOW - Norwegian divers on Sunday spent several hours examining the stricken submarine Kursk and disputed Russian claims that the sub is so badly damaged that it is impossible to enter.

Yet neither the Russians nor Norwegians believe any of the 118 seamen are still alive.

Russian officials said Saturday that new videotapes revealed previously undetected damage to the rear of the 500-foot sub. Norwegian officials, however, disputed the extent of damage and said they were optimistic that Norwegian and British rescue teams would be able to open the hatch.

"Divers have found that the outer hatch of the rear emergency exit from the submarine is not damaged,"

military spokesman Kjell Grandhagen told Norway public radio.

Grandhagen also said they found evidence of air in the escape chamber under the hatch, although most experts believe that any remaining air is too toxic to sustain life.

Norwegian divers reported that one sailor may have climbed into the escape chamber in a desperate attempt to flee.

But the divers found no signs of life during their first look Sunday at the crippled sub. They were expected to resume operations on Monday.

Vice Admiral Mikhail Mtsak, chief of staff for the Russian Navy's northern fleet, said Saturday that the submarine "sustained an explosion that sent it crashing to the bottom of the sea, causing a much larger blast when at least three of its 24 Please see SUBMARINE, Page A2



At a church in a port on the Barents Sea, Russian sailor Alexander Myakushov lights a candle as he prays for the crew of the crippled submarine Kursk Sunday.

# FRESH START

Mexico's new leader to bring his vision to U.S. in four-day tour

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY - As a child, he would ride north to Texas in a pickup truck to sell vegetables and buy pigs for the family farm. Now, as Mexico's president-elect, Vicente Fox is heading north again, hoping to sell U.S. and Canadian leaders on his dream of a unified North America.

Fresh from defeating the party that has ruled Mexico since the Depression, Fox plans to appeal to America's conscience and pocketbook to help him remedy the most unequal border in the Western Hemisphere.

He also wants to fire up the Mexican-American community

with his new vision for their homeland, hoping to lure many of them back. At the same time, he says he wants the United States to ease border controls and also come up with billions of dollars in development aid.

The election last month of this tall, tough-talking businessman in cowboy boots was a political earthquake, ousting a party that had ruled Mexico since 1929. Now, as he heads north, Mexicans expect his visit to deliver an emotional charge and freshness unmatched since Fidel Castro visited Harlem 40 years ago as a young revolutionary in combat fatigues.

The four-day trip, which starts Tuesday, includes rallies in New York's Spanish Harlem and with Dallas' huge Mexican-American

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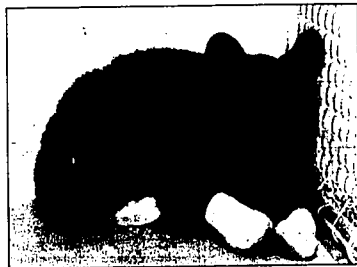
## Talk of espionage surrounds search for AWOL officer

Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM - The bizarre case of a senior U.S. Army intelligence officer who fled to Israel earlier this month has set off a scramble to avoid a spy scandal and prevent a rupture in U.S.-Israeli relations.

Lt. Col. Jeremiah Mattesee, a former chief of the U.S. Army Reserve's Southwest Intelligence Support Center, is being sought for questioning by U.S. authorities and faces charges of desertion and conduct unbecoming an officer. U.S. officials said this weekend. After Mattesee failed to return to his San Antonio post Aug. 7, he was branded absent without leave. By late last week, Israeli news outlets were reporting that the intelligence officer, a converted Jew, had fled to the Jewish state and brought his Please see ESPIONAGE, Page A2

## Orphaned bear cub survives alone in ashes of Montana fire



A thin black bear cub with burned paws recuperates at a veterinary clinic in Hamilton, Mont., Sunday, after it was found alone and captured near a deer carcass in a burned out area.

The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. - Like the original Smokey Bear, a small cub has emerged burned but alive from the wildfires that have charred forest and rangeland across Montana.

The cub, apparently orphaned and weighing only about 20 pounds, was in a veterinary clinic being treated for burns on all four paws.

"He'll be a little tender-footed for awhile, but he should be fine," said the state wildlife warden who rescued the animal, Joe Jacquith.

There were 98 major fires burning Sunday in Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. They had blackened a total of about 1.3 million acres, it said.

In Montana, the 30 most significant

fires had burned about 600,000 acres, the fire center said.

The Bitterroot Valley remained Montana's worst fire zone, accounting for more than a third of the state's burned land. Hundreds of evacuees have been forced from their homes, and some have been unable to return for more than two weeks.

A blaze near Toston, between Helena and Bozeman, remained the greatest challenge for firefighters.

Estimates of the size of the fire range up to 100,000 acres. Smoke prevented a precise mapping of the fire, said Graver Johnson, a Gallatin County emergency services official.

Ranchers still had no word on cattle that had been grazing in the area and could not be removed in time after the fire started Tuesday in a grain field.

Because of that fire, one of two

major power lines that carry electricity from a Montana power plant to the West Coast was idled

Sunday for minor fire-related repairs, but service to consumers was not interrupted, Montana Power Co. said.

The bear cub, who has not been named, was spotted in the Bitterroot Valley on Friday by a landowner, said Jacquith, who believes the cub's mother was probably killed by fire.

Jacquith set a trap for the cub in a burned area southeast of Darby. He said the cub was "skin and bones," but had gotten water from a creek and meat from the carcass of a burned deer.

Jacquith said the cub is too young to spend the winter alone in the wild and may be moved to a Helena wildlife shelter after veterinary care in Hamilton.

# THE REGION

## Carnas Prairie

High 76 Low 39  
Sunny and warmer. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny and warmer tomorrow.

## Treasure Valley

High 84 Low 55  
Mostly sunny and warmer with light northwest breezes. Sunny tomorrow.

## Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 78 Low 40  
Mostly sunny and warmer with areas of smoke. Same for tomorrow.

## Eastern Idaho

High 82 Low 47  
Mostly sunny and warmer with areas of smoke. Clear tonight, sunny tomorrow.

## Northern Idaho

High 75 Low 45  
Mostly sunny with light winds. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow and warmer.

## Northern Utah

High 87 Low 61  
Sunny. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny with south winds.

## Northern Nevada

High 84 Low 56  
Sunny. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and warmer tomorrow with south winds.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High: 81, Low: 53 Sunny.	High: 91, Low: 51 Mostly sunny.	High: 94, Low: 54 Mostly sunny.	High: 93, Low: 52 Partly cloudy.	High: 92, Low: 51 Partly cloudy.

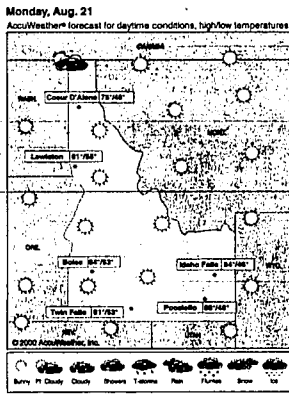
# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Yesterday	77	54	Yesterday in Twin Falls	...
Last year	89	51	Normal mo. to date:	26	Water year to date:	5.61
Normal	89	50	Normal year to date:	9.54		

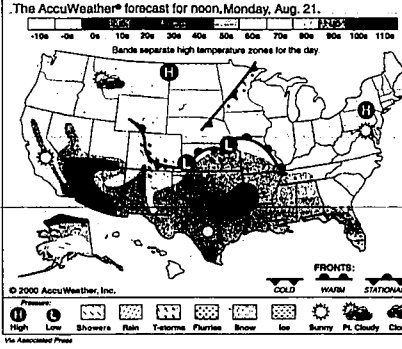
# Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High	84	Idaho: Low	41
Boise	78	53	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Buhl	79	57	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Coeur d'Alene	73	37	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Grangeville	m	m	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Hagerman	m	57	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Idaho Falls	79	46	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Lewiston	77	52	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Malden	m	....	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Malta	m	43	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
McCall	68	39	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Pocatiello	79	57	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Salmon	72	48	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Stanley	69	32	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41
Sun Valley	m	m	....	Idaho: High	112	Idaho: Low	41

## Idaho weather



## National weather



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## UV INDEX

Index: 7 (high)  
Burn time: 24 minutes

## PIRE DANGER

The BLM's fire danger in South-Central Idaho is: Mountains: High  
Prairies: High

## ACROSS THE NATION

Locally heavy rain spread across the mid-Mississippi and Ohio valleys on Sunday, and showers spotted the Plains and extreme Northwest.

Thunderstorms and showers developed from eastern Kansas across much of Missouri into Illinois during the morning.

The heaviest rain fell on southern sections of Missouri and Illinois and moved into western Kentucky.

Isolated showers developed on the northern Plains and parts of the central Rockies, moving from Montana, Wyoming and Colorado into the Dakotas and Nebraska.

In the Northeast, rain spread across Maine and moved into Nova Scotia.

Elsewhere, a few showers and thunderstorms formed over parts of Florida during the afternoon. Thunderstorms also were possible in Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

In the Southwest, a few scattered thunderstorms were possible in sections of New Mexico, Arizona, southern Utah and the Texas Panhandle.

- The Associated Press

# Widow

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cited and fined in connection with the accident, said Jerry Hockett, the assistant area director at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Boise office.

Canal company Manager Vince Alberdi said his company ended up paying \$5,000 in fines. OSHA concluded the company had been negligent in its emergency action plan and that Briere had access to a respirator but did not use it, Alberdi said.

Hockett said the canal company ordered to correct those problems, and.

A June 16 letter from OSHA Area Director Ryan E. Kuehmelich states that OSHA cited the canal company on Oct. 14, 1999, but later concluded that the company's response to concerns raised in the citation was adequate.

The Department of Agriculture about nine months ago cleared the canal company of any negligence, said Fred Rios, the bureau chief for the department's division of agricultural resources in Nampa.

Though the Twin Falls Canal Co. no longer uses acrolein, it is still widely used by other companies, Rios said. Briere's death has prompted more intensive training sessions in the chemical's proper use, he said.

Alberdi said the death led to the company soul-searching within the company.

"We had a good safety program. We still have a good safety program. Anything like this, when it happens, it prompts you to make an assessment. You look under all the rocks."

The company has switched to Xylene - a milder aquatic herbicide - or in many cases, has given

up chemicals altogether, Alberdi said.

Dragging the canals with anchor chains to tear weeds loose or mowing along the banks are some alternatives to herbicides, he said.

Briere's death has taken an emotional toll on the company, Alberdi said.

"We only have about 80 employees, so we're still small enough to have a family atmosphere and to know everybody on a first-name basis," he said. "You don't forget somebody like Mark Briere."

Briere's former colleges in education have also been touched by his absence, said former O'Leary Principal Wiley Dobbs.

"It's just a big void that was left. Especially this summer. We all play softball, and Mark wasn't there."

The Mark J. Briere Memorial Field that was dedicated at the school last year has helped keep Briere's presence strong, said Dobbs, now the Twin Falls School District's director of operations.

Briere's mother recently died of cancer, but his father traveled from Minnesota to visit the field, Dobbs said.

"You could tell it gave him a strong sense of pride," Dobbs said.

Carter-Briere said she plans to go back to college soon in pursuit of a master's degree.

She said she has drawn strength from her faith and support from her church, the Rock Creek Community Church.

"I really think that God has a plan for me, even though it's hard sometimes to tell what it is."

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# Mexico

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community, as well as meetings with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, U.S. presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush.

Historian Lorenzo Meyer calls the Jesuit-educated former Coca-Cola executive "a populist of the right." Fox calls himself a dreamer - but a stubborn one.

The dream is to bring Mexico up to par with the United States, in much the same way the rich and European Union nations helped backward member states like Spain and Greece expand their economies by abolishing customs and immigration barriers.

Fox wants to train Mexicans to legally fill U.S. labor shortages, rather than have to sneak across the border for low-paid work. He would move the maquiladoras - U.S. assembly plants set up to take advantage of cheap Mexican labor - away from the border and into the interior to spread the jobs. And he would appeal to

Mexicans working in the United States to invest some of their earnings back home.

That, he says, would free up American aid money to be spent on remedying environmental problems along the border.

The United States would like to see concrete action from Mexico to crack down on immigrant smugglers and stop the human traffic before it reaches the border. Fox pledges to clean up corruption and revamp Mexican law enforcement, and says he is confident that the northward flow of migrants "will be reduced pretty soon."

Whether Fox can meet American expectations remains to be seen. But he has the advantage of straightforward, workable English, and close familiarity with American ways.

"I've been traveling to the United States since I was 5, 10 years old," Fox said. "My father used to send us up to McAllen (Texas) in a pickup truck to sell vegetables and bring back pigs."

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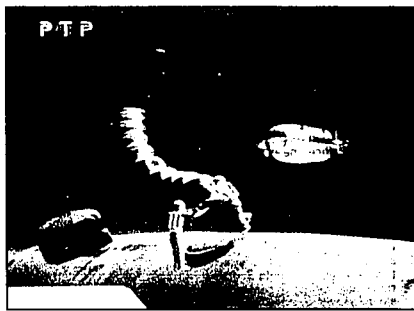
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This computer-generated image from TV depicts Norwegian divers fixing an escape hose from the British LRS rescue submarine to the rear escape hatch of the sunken Kursk submarine, and a surveillance robot on the right.

# Submarine

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torpedoes exploded.

He said most of the crewmen died within the first minutes of the disaster, while others may have found refuge at the rear of the vessel.

The 12 Norwegian divers began work one day after navy officials effectively abandoned hope of finding any of the crewmembers alive.

The Kursk, one of the world's biggest subs, crashed to the bottom of the Barents Sea during an Aug. 12 naval exercise.

As grief spread across this nation of 150 million, wealthy Russian tycoon Boris Beresovsky promised to donate \$1 million to the victims' families.

Many Russians also escalated criticism of President Vladimir Putin, who remained on vacation for several days after the sub went down.

In his most visible display of emotion since the catastrophe began, Putin on Sunday promised "moral, financial and human support" for the crew's families.

"All of us with pain in the heart and - without any exaggeration - with tears in our eyes are following the tragedy in the Barents Sea," Putin said after a Kremlin meeting with leading clergymen from the Russian Orthodox Church.

"We will do everything to save everyone who can still be saved up to the very last minute. We will fight for the life of each of our sailors."

After returning to Moscow on Friday, Putin worked through the weekend at the Kremlin, discussing the tragedy with top government officials and submarine experts.

Putin said the meeting with the clergymen was originally planned as a reception but was

changed to address "the horrible events" of the Kursk disaster.

One lingering mystery is what caused the first explosion aboard the Kursk.

It occurred while the submarine was at a depth of about 50 feet.

Naval officials have said the sub could have struck something in the water, but Deputy Prime Minister Ilya Khabanov said he believes the Kursk collided with a foreign submarine.

Khabanov, who heads a government investigation into the disaster, said the force of the first explosion suggested a collision with an object weighing at least 8,000 tons.

Three foreign subs were believed to be in the area during the war games, he said.

Two U.S. subs were reportedly in the vicinity and heard the explosions, according to press reports, but American officials have vigorously denied that any U.S. vessels were involved in a collision.

The diving crew, based on the Norwegian ship, "Seaway Eagle," reached the Kursk Sunday afternoon but quickly encountered problems.

They unscrewed the bolts to the rear escape hatch but were unable to pry it open because of the severe damage.

One objective was to examine gauges just inside the hatch to determine if air pressure inside the sub was too high to support life.

Khabanov said the divers, who reported that most of the sub was filled with water, tapped on the hull in the hopes of finding air pockets that would have miraculously sustained life.

However, most experts, believe that any remaining oxygen would have been depleted days ago.



WORLD

# Indifferent to hostage crisis, top athletes descend near island

SEMPORNA, Malaysia (AP) — Shrugging off the threat of kidnapping, hundreds of athletes began a 12-day wilderness race Sunday near the tropical island where an Islamic rebel group snatched foreign tourists in April.

Organized by the executive producer of the hit CBS show "Survivor," the Eco-Challenge 2000 opened amid the fears of local people that the Philippine rebels, emboldened by massive ransom payments, could return to take new hostages.

But Mark Burnett, the former British paratrooper who founded the Eco-Challenge seven years ago, said organizers had been assured by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad that security would be stepped up.

"We received full support from the Malaysian military and state police, and assurances from the highest level of the govern-

ment," Burnett said.

The 76 teams — made up of triathletes and endurance runners from the United States, New Zealand, Finland and two dozen other countries — began the Eco-Challenge 2000 race Sunday by paddling in canoes toward Sipadan Island, where a group of tourists was kidnapped in April.

A helicopter circling the island while policemen armed with M-16 rifles patrolled the shore of Semporna, the coastal town close to Sipadan.

Tiny, coral-fringed Sipadan was regarded as a nirvana by diving aficionados until Abu Sayyaf seized from the Philippines 21 foreign tourists and resort workers at gunpoint and took them to Jolo, a Philippine island en route to the Philippines.

The rebels, who seek an independent Islamic state in the southern Philippines, later

grabbed three French journalists and 12 Filipino Christian evangelists who came to their remote jungle camp. Some hostages have been released for ransom, but the rebels still hold 24 people.

The Abu Sayyaf had been expected to release the remaining hostages Saturday, but negotiations failed.

Eco-Challenge organizers say they never considered canceling the event, even after learning that the hundreds of islands dotting the vast Sulu and Celebes Seas are a hide-out for pirates and Islamic militants.

What attracted Burnett to the region for both "Survivor" — (filmed on Pulau Tiga, another small Malaysian island) — and the Eco-Challenge was the romance and danger associated with Borneo, the huge island divided between Indonesia and Malaysia that dominates the region.

# Gold, diamond magnate dies at 91

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Harry Oppenheimer, the billionaire South African businessman who led the world's largest diamond and gold mining companies for a quarter century and spoke out against apartheid, has died. He was 91.

He died Saturday night. The exact cause of death was unclear.

As chairman of diamond giant De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd., Oppenheimer was credited with marketing diamonds as the ultimate gift of love — an advertising campaign that culminated with the famous "A Diamond is Forever" slogan.

Oppenheimer's family was reported to be worth \$2.5 billion, according to Forbes magazine's 1997 list of the world's super rich.

World in brief

who brokered the deal for the hostage release blamed the Philippine military for the breakdown. They threatened to withdraw their envoys if there were not "tangible, positive developments" within 48 hours.

But on Sunday, Libyan Foreign Minister Abdel Rahman Mohammed Shalgam said Libya's efforts would continue, despite the difficulties. It was not clear if the minister was contradicting the mediation organization's statement.

Moscow will appoint the person it needs."

**Derailed Kenyan train cars explode, kill 16, injure 36**

ATHI RIVER, Kenya — Nine runaway train cars, six carrying liquefied gas, derailed at a station south of Nairobi, igniting a fireball that killed 16 people, injured dozens and consumed nearby houses, witnesses and officials said Sunday.

Of the dead, 13 were railway employees or their family members who lived in homes inside Athi station's grounds, 15 miles south of the capital, Kenya Railways said in a statement.

At least 36 were injured, some with severe burns, local hospitals reported.

There were some 30 houses around the station, a number of which had been reduced to charred rubble.

## Quake rocks east Turkey; resulting panic injures nine

ANKARA, Turkey — A moderate earthquake rattled eastern Turkey early Sunday, sending panicked residents jumping from balconies and out windows. At least nine people were reported injured.

The magnitude-4 quake hit the city of Erzurum just after midnight Sunday, the Anatolia news agency said.

No serious damage was reported in Erzurum, 560 miles east of Ankara. But a soldier was critically wounded when he threw himself out of the second floor of a military barracks in a panic, reports said. One woman suffered a heart attack.

## Russian plan for Chechen official draws criticism

GROZNY, Russia — The Russian government conducted elections Sunday for a Chechnya deputy to the Russian parliament, but the balloting was criticized by human rights groups and faced wide skepticism among voters in the war-ravaged republic.

The voting was run by the Russian military, which entered Chechnya last September, and no outside election observers were present. Results were expected today.

More than 40 percent of Chechnya's eligible voters cast ballots, election officials said. But many Chechens said they would not vote and there was little information available about the 13 candidates.

Some people in Grozny didn't even know the election was going on, while others said they were indifferent.

"I won't vote because I do not know the candidates," 28-year-old Adam Beroyev said. "Anyway,

## East Timor independence hero cuts guerrilla ties

AILEU, East Timor — East Timor independence leader Jose Alexandre "Xanana" Gusmao surrendered command of his guerrilla army on Sunday, strengthening his credentials as a civilian politician.

Gusmao, who is widely expected to become the first elected president of an independent East Timor, handed over control of the force to his deputy, Taur Matan Ruak. Since last year's eviction of troops from Indonesia, the territory's former ruler, the guerrilla force has shrunk from about 1,600 to just 300 men.

— compiled from wire reports

## Philippine rebels release three more hostages

JOLO, Philippines — Three Malaysian resort workers held for four months by Philippine Muslim rebels headed home Sunday, and Libya said it will work with European countries to win the release of the 24 other people in captivity on the same island.

"I'm very happy," said freed hostage Ken Fong Yin Ken, as he hugged his father, the pilot of the Malaysian plane that flew to remote Jolo island to take him and two others home.

The rebels, who seek an independent Islamic state in the southern Philippines, agreed on a plan to release all the hostages Saturday.

At the time, Libyan mediators

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The statue of Russia's last czar, Nicholas II, is unveiled Saturday in a Moscow suburb. It replaces a statue that was destroyed in 1997.

# Russian church declares czar and family as saints

MOSCOW (AP) — Thousands of people crowded into a Moscow cathedral Sunday to watch as white-robed clerics officially canonized Russia's last czar, his family and hundreds of other victims of Soviet repression.

The Archbishops Council, the Russian Orthodox Church's highest body, decided last week to canonize Nicholas II, his wife and their five children for the humility with which they faced a Bolshevik firing squad in 1918. The seven served sainthood for their "meekness during imprisonment and poise and acceptance of their martyr's death," according to a church statement.

Some of the people who packed into Christ the Savior

Cathedral for Sunday's service carried icons bearing Nicholas' image. During the ceremony, the church also canonized 1,147 other Russians from the 20th century, many of them priests and monks killed by the Soviets.

Nicholas was a largely ineffective monarch who only grudgingly implemented political reforms. He was helpless to stop the Bolshevik revolution and abdicated as czar on March 15, 1917, as the revolution swept Russia.

He and his family were detained. In April 1918 they were sent to the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg, where a firing squad lined them up in the basement of a palace and shot them on July 17.

# Sudan calls for closer ties to U.S.

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — The United States and Sudan could resolve their differences with serious talks, Sudan's Foreign Ministry said Sunday on the second anniversary of a U.S. military strike on a Khartoum factory.

Sudan, which Washington considers a sponsor of terrorism, also called for U.S. flexibility in its attitude and policies toward Sudan, and made an apparent plea to end economic and trade sanctions.

"A serious dialogue with the United States is the best means for solving points of difference between the two sides, which is in the interest of both our people," the ministry statement said.

In Washington, U.S. officials said there was nothing new in the statement, but that relations between the two governments could improve without improvements in Sudan's human rights record. A major obstacle is Sudan's failure to surrender suspects in a 1995 assassination attempt against President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, as demanded in a U.N. Security Council resolution.

U.S.-Sudanese relations sank to new lows with the Aug. 20, 1998, U.S. attack on a pharmaceutical plant suspected of producing chemical weapons agents. President Clinton ordered the attack, which killed one person and wounded nine, in retaliation for U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania.

Washington also claimed El Shifa factory, owned by Saudi-Sudanese businessman Salah Idris, was linked to the United States' most-wanted terrorist suspect, Osama bin Laden. The Sudanese government and Idris have denied the accusations.

Sudan, which remains under U.S. economic and trade sanctions, is a poor country also suffering from the effects of famine and a 17-year civil war, making the sanctions more onerous.

"Sudan calls on the United States to resort to the voice of wisdom and to back off from stiffened positions and respond to the desire of the world community in lifting the injustice done to and the damages inflicted on our country," the statement said.

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# Robots allow scientists to study ocean floor

New technology speeds up ocean study process

Knight Ridder News Service

ABOARD THE RONALD H. BROWN - With his right hand on a joystick and his eyes on a TV screen, Keith Shepherd, a burly Canadian engineer in a checkered shirt, painstakingly guides a robot submarine to a precise location on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.

His gray-bearded partner, Bob Holland, tweaks another joystick to nudge a battery-powered camera clutched in the robot's four-fingered claw into place on the rugged seafloor a mile below this ship's darkened control room.

The camera, a new tool for underwater science sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, marks a significant step in an international effort to understand what goes on in the deep sea, Earth's little-known but indispensable basement.

It is the first element of what is to be a permanent undersea observatory known as NeMO (for New Millennium Observatory). The name is an echo of the fictional Captain Nemo in Jules Verne's classic novel, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea."

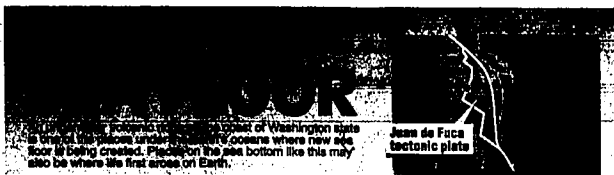
For the first time, NeMO lets scientists study over time what happens - as it happens - on a key part of the 45,000-mile-long chain of volcanic ridges winding through the world's oceans. Previously, exploration of the seafloor had been limited to brief visits to scattered sites, usually well after a critical event such as a volcanic eruption.

Over the next year, the NeMO camera will take pictures of a scientifically intriguing site on the summit of an underwater volcano named Axial Seamount, 250 miles west of Oregon. Every four days, a new image is relayed via space satellite to a NOAA laboratory on land.

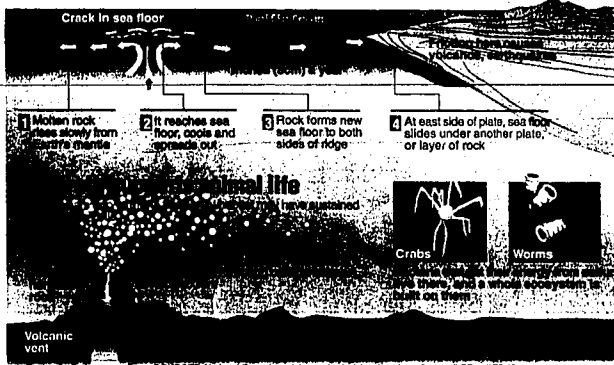
Along with three attached temperature sensors, the camera follows, in "real time," the activity at a hydrothermal vent - a crack in the seafloor where hot, chemically rich fluids gush up from the Earth's interior, nourishing an undersea menagerie of bacteria and animals.

"It takes time to understand the process. You can't just look at one event," said NOAA's Robert Embley, chief scientist aboard the Ron Brown.

The first picture dispatched to NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory in Seattle showed a colony of



Deep rock rises and spreads



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writhing tube worms - exotic creatures that were first discovered living around hot vents on the Pacific Ocean's floor in 1977.

Chris Meinig, the NOAA engineer handling the NeMO camera, joked that the little worms may have thought they were being invaded by a UFO when the bulky metal contraption landed in their midst and flashed its brilliant lights. "There goes the neighborhood!" he suggested they said.

Besides the camera, the submarine planted electronic devices on the ridge to measure the horizontal movement of the tectonic plates that make up the ocean crust. The gap between the Pacific plate, which underlies much of this vast ocean, and the Juan de Fuca plate, site of the Axial volcano, widens by about 2.4 inches a year, Embley said. Other signs include vertical movements that accompany undersea volcanic eruptions, like the one here in 1998.

The sub also put down traps to snare bacteria and the larvae of larger sea creatures dwelling in the crater. The traps will be recovered next summer.

The robot sub - known as ROPOS (for Remotely Operated

Platform for Ocean Science) - belongs to the Canadian Scientific Submersible Facility, based in Sidney, British Columbia.

Along with these biological studies, NOAA geologist William Chadwick continued work on a detailed map of the rumpled floor of the volcano crater. Using a system called Imagex, the sub swept a tightly focused "pencil beam" of sound waves back and forth across the bottom. The time the signal took to bounce back traced the ups and downs of the seafloor with a vertical accuracy of less than 5 inches. This lets researchers trace the changes caused by a volcanic eruption.

Next year, Embley and his fellow scientists want to deploy a suite of increasingly sophisticated instruments on the volcano. Further in the future is a fleet of "autonomous underwater vehicles" (AUVs), which can be docked on the seafloor ready to investigate an eruption immediately after it occurs - unlike a remotely operated sub such as ROPOS, which must be tethered to a mother ship and takes weeks to get to the site of an event.

"We'd like to catch an erupting volcano in the midst of its eruption," said John Delaney, an ocean scientist at the University of Washington in Seattle.

While the Ron Brown lingered over the Axial volcano, two other ship-sumarine combinations were working nearby locations on the Juan de Fuca ridge this summer.

One was the Atlantis, the mother ship for Alvin, the mini-submarine that discovered the wrecked Titanic. Alvin can carry two scientists and a pilot to the bottom of the ocean for direct observation. The third vessel, the Thomas G. Thompson, used an experimental AUV named ABE (for Autonomous Benthic Explorer. Benthic means deep sea.)

Eventually, scientists want to link all this undersea technology to a \$150 million fiber-optic network called NEPTUNE, which would maintain a constant watch over the entire Juan de Fuca plate. This pie-shaped slice of the Earth's crust, measuring about 100,000 square miles, lies between the much larger Pacific and North American plates. Its relatively small size and closeness to the coast make it an ideal location for the proposed network of 30 underwater observatories.

# Mountains provide the seafloor's main landscape

Knight Ridder News Service

ABOARD THE RONALD H. BROWN - They call the seafloor the vast frontier of Earth - a vast underwater realm, larger than all the continents put together, dark as a tomb, icy cold, crushed beneath tons of salt water, all but a tiny bit of it unexplored.

"We literally know more about what the surface of the moon or even Mars looks like than we do the floor of Earth's oceans," said Robert Embley, a veteran deep-sea researcher at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Yet the ocean is where life began and is sustained today. Earth would be barren, unable to support living things, without the continual recycling of water, gas and stone at the bottom of the sea. Our planet's most spectacular landscapes - the highest mountains, the deepest valleys - lie buried beneath its waves.

As part of an accelerating international effort to explore this hidden world, Embley led a team of 35 American, Canadian and French scientists and engineers aboard the Ronald H. Brown, a NOAA research vessel, earlier this summer to study volcanic activity on the bottom of the northern Pacific Ocean.

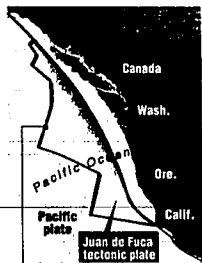
They used a robotic submarine named ROPOS (for Remotely Operated Platform for Ocean Science) to take pictures, place instruments in the crater of an active volcano and collect samples of rocks, fluids and living creatures for later study.

As the sub swam slowly over the crater, a television camera beamed its images to the shipboard scientists. They followed deep cracks in the seafloor where primitive microbes swarmed. They tracked the outlines of successive waves of lava from volcanic eruptions, the most recent in January 1998.

These outpourings of lava reveal nature performing one of her most remarkable feats. A mile below the rolling deck of this ship, the Earth, like a giant factory, is churning out fresh ocean crust in an endless cycle of regeneration.

"This is a fundamental process of Earth that we don't understand very well, and it's going on right here underneath us," Embley said. "The Earth is actually renewing its surface."

The shipboard scientists spent most of their time floating above the Axial Seamount, an undersea



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ter volcano on the Juan de Fuca Ridge. The ridge - a jagged scar in the seafloor about 250 miles west of Oregon and Washington state - is an ideal place to study the crust's recycling.

That's because the Axial volcano lies at the boundary between two of the huge tectonic plates - the Pacific and the Juan de Fuca - that make up the ocean bottom and support the continents.

The plates are in constant motion, spreading apart about as fast as fingernails grow. Between them, molten rock from the Earth's interior surges up, creating an enormous network of ocean ridges that encircles the globe like the laces on a baseball.

About five cubic miles of fresh basalt, a volcanic rock, spreads over the edges of the plates each year as they slowly move apart, according to John Delaney, an ocean scientist at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Over time, the mid-ocean ridges have built a 45,000-mile-long mountain chain that dwarfs the Rockies, Andes and Himalayas combined. Viewed from space, the ridges would be the dominant feature of our planet if they weren't covered by water.

Like a parade of giant tortoises, the plates creep continuously across the Earth's mantle, a 2,000-mile-thick layer of gooey basalt with the consistency of peanut butter. The mantle begins five to 25 miles below the crust and extends down to the planet's liquid core.

# Deep sea bacteria suggest the possibility of life on Mars

Knight Ridder News Service

ABOARD THE RONALD H. BROWN - Life depends on the sun, right? We need its heat to keep us warm. Its light supplies the energy that plants turn into the food that nourishes us all.

"That's what you probably learned in school, but it ain't necessarily so."

Scientists aboard this government research ship 250 miles off the coast of Oregon spent 20 days earlier this summer investigating an underwater menagerie of creatures, both large and small, that make their living on the bleak, sunless bottom of the Pacific Ocean.

The realization that organisms can get along without sunlight is "one of the most important biological findings of the 20th century," said Kim Juniper, a marine biologist at the University of Quebec in Montreal.

Some microscopic organisms even flourish in dark crannies underneath the seafloor, exploiting heat and chemicals, mainly hydrogen and sulfur, rising from the bowels of the Earth.

These primitive bacteria fascinate researchers because they reveal how and where life could have begun on our planet and where it may exist today on other worlds.

A growing number of scientists

believe that the cradle of life may have been a sulfurous, subterranean inferno - like a medieval image of hell - rather than the biblical Garden of Eden or the quiet little pond beside the sea envisioned by Charles Darwin.

And if there is life on Mars or Jupiter's moon Europa, Michael Meyer, an authority on extraterrestrial life at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, predicted that it will be found below the surface.

"Life could have originated on the surface of Mars, then retreated to the subsurface as Mars froze-dried," said Chris Chyba, a planetary scientist at the SETI Institute in Palo Alto, Calif. SETI stands for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

Chyba and Meyer joined Juniper and other scientists from the research ship at a follow-up conference on subsurface life in Big Sky, Mont. The space agency is interested in exploring the ocean bottom because the search for life on other planets and moons will use instruments and techniques that can be tested more cheaply and efficiently on Earth. Meyer called the environment below the seafloor a "bridge to other worlds."

Because they live off chemical energy, instead of light, subsurface organisms are said to

employ "chemosynthesis" instead of photosynthesis - the familiar process by which plants make carbohydrates out of sunlight, carbon dioxide and water.

According to Juniper, the concept of chemosynthesis provides a "startling challenge to the long-held view that all our planet's ecosystems require sunlight and photosynthesis to create new biomass and nourish the animal food chain."

The breakthrough came in 1977 with the discovery of a colony of exotic animals, known as tube worms, living around hot-water vents on the floor of the Pacific.

Since then, hundreds of underwater species, many of them found nowhere else on Earth, have been identified in dozens of sites on and beneath the seafloor. More are discovered every year.

The vents are created by underwater volcanoes such as the Axial Seamount, which lies a mile below this ship. After its latest eruption, in January 1998, a bed of fresh lava in the crater cooled, contracted and formed cracks leading into the interior - in effect, a plumbing system for the nourishing broth of chemicals that microbes love.

The bacterial waste products gushing out of some of the vents

in the crater of the Axial volcano were so thick that they resembled a snowstorm.

"A volcanic eruption is like ringing a dinner bell for microorganisms," said James Holden, a physiologist at the University of Georgia in Athens.

Robert Embley, chief scientist aboard the Ron Brown, called this little valley a "natural laboratory" for investigating the lifestyles of one of the world's strangest societies.

A robot submarine controlled from shipboard made videotapes of the crater floor for later study. It collected samples and placed a camera and other instruments on the seafloor to monitor how living colonies form, grow, age and die.

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Top state officials will never earn big wages

From the Desert News (Salt Lake City)

According to 1998 estimates, Utah ranks 34th among the states in population. Its governor reportedly ranks 35th among governors in terms of salary. That sounds about right.

The natural tendency when confronted with figures showing how many state employees earn more than the chief executive is to wonder why the head guy is paid so little. Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt makes \$92,475 per year, which ranks him 164th on the state payroll behind doctors, 91 judges and assorted other professionals. Still, it is a comfortable wage.

The art of setting a salary for the state's top political office is a tricky one, indeed, and it has nothing to do with how well or how poorly anyone thinks the governor is doing.

For one thing, the office of governor is one of public service. The state must be careful not to set a salary so high that people would be tempted to run for office just for the money involved, yet it must be high enough to be respectful to the office. Comparisons to the private sector won't do. Taxpayers wouldn't tolerate salaries at those levels. The answer is to find a comfortable range befitting a respected and trusted servant, but not one so low as to make graft and corruption tempting.

The federal government has the same problem. The president of the

United States, for example, receives an annual salary of \$200,000. Even though Congress has voted to increase this to \$400,000 for the next president, that is still far below what many successful business people, professionals, athletes, entertainers and artists earn. Often successful people must take a cut in pay to spend a few years seeking office. That is how it should be. Symbolically, this is a reminder of whose business they are conducting while in office.

A governor also has the use of free transportation, the use of a home if he desires it and other perks that don't figure into the annual salary. The president has similar advantages. On the other hand, to attract top-quality professionals to administrative jobs, states often have to offer salaries comparable to the private sector which, when compared to the chief executive in tables and graphs, can seem out of line.

There is, however, one comparison that might be useful. The new position of mayor in Salt Lake County will pay \$90,000 per year. The governor shouldn't earn an exorbitant salary, but it would make little sense for him to earn less than some other elected official in the state. Perhaps a modest boost is in order to keep the office where it should be in relation to others, but the measuring stick should never be whether the governor earns more than any non-elected public employee.

*The art of setting a salary for the state's top political office is a tricky one, indeed, and it has nothing to do with how well or how poorly anyone thinks the governor is doing.*



# Gore can't shake Clinton's ghost

**G**stand before you as my own man," said Al Gore, amid the whooping cheers of Democrats desperate for a big comeback speech.

And Al tried to give it to them. He didn't dispel the robot image. He confessed that he's not Mr. Excitement. But for 40 minutes Gore rocked the L.A. hall with an energetic, substantial pitch to paint himself as the savior of American families and prosperity.

He almost chased away the Dems' high anxiety that Gore is a lackluster underdog to George W. Bush and that they're slipping inexorably behind in the 2000 chase.

Almost. Trouble is, Al is a haunted man — hard as he runs, he can't get away from Bill Clinton's libidinous phantom. Even as Gore swore his independence as "my own man," the chains of Bill Clinton's sex scandal rattled in the hall.

The uninvited guest on Gore's crucial night was Robert Ray, the hard-nosed independent counsel in charge of investigating Clinton.

Hours before Gore's major speech, word leaked that Ray had impaled a grant jury to again dig into the Monica Lewinsky affair. Ray is doing groundwork for Ken Starr's ultimate dream: indict Clinton and put him in jail after Jan. 21, 2001.

The ploy to put a damper on Gore's speech — and remind voters of Clinton's shadow — was so egregious that even the Bush camp rebelled. "We think it's wrong and inappropriate," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

(Translation: Our fingerprints aren't on this caper.) Sure, the leak may energize the Dems' ed race. "This is what we needed to put us over the top," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. "It turns on the anger."

But Ray's revived investigation of Bill &



SANDY GRADY

Monica means the Clinton saga will keep nagging Dems throughout the fall, a woeful distraction for a Gore campaign struggling against Bush's lead.

Lucky Bush. He can stay above the mess while coyly repeating his mantra to "return decency and honor to the White House." Or, as Dick Cheney said in his July speech, "We are all a little weary of the Clinton story."

Gore wants to forget about the Clinton probe, but the polls keep hitting him with bad news. Forty-seven percent said they wouldn't vote for Gore no matter what, a severe handicap. Bush was ahead by an astonishing 40 points among white, married, working moms. Worse, the Battleground poll showed the Dems' old-fashioned convention wasn't getting a bounce but losing ground.

Gore, his nervous backers admitted, had to stand and deliver a stemwinder that turned the tide, much as Bush's daddy did in 1988 to overcome Mike Dukakis's lead.

So how did Al do? For a man who famously reinvents himself daily, Gore's best move was to deal himself in the cape of a populist fighter for plain folks, a profitable theme against the Bush/Cheney "All-Off" ticket.

"I've fought the powerful, and I'll stand up against them and for you," shouted Gore, who later named the evil forces "Big Tobacco, Big Oil, Big Polluters, Big Hikes."

Despite Gore's efforts to portray himself as battler for families, though, his speech was a familiar litany aimed more at Democrats than swing voters. He

preached standard dogma: no Supreme Court justices who'd overturn Roe v. Wade, no raising the Social Security age, a patients' bill of rights, campaign finance reform.

I thought Gore's best moment came near his speech's close when he admitted his blandness. "Some say I'm too serious. I talk too much substance, and maybe I did that tonight. But the presidency is not a popularity contest. I'm not the most exciting politician. Nor will I work hard and never let you down."

That was Gore using his worldliness as a strength. But Gore's rhetoric had no lift of poetry, nor one line that could be remembered 24 hours later. Worse, there wasn't a speck of humor to enliven the night. Nor a sly jab at Republicans to add spice.

In comparison with Dubya's performance in Philadelphia, I'd rate Gore a shade behind. He didn't have Bush's scripted wit, his vinegary ridicule of the opposition or folksy style. Gore said in effect, "I'm no entertainer, but I'll fight for you."

Dems in the arena celebrated Gore's speech. But I doubt if outside the hall Al's meat-and-potatoes substance changed the polls. Or hit a home run for Al on the likeability scale.

Pointedly, although he boasted of the hot economy, Gore only mentioned Bill Clinton once.

Not to worry, Starr successor Robert Ray will keep reminding the country that Clinton is a hunted man, and the ghost that Al Gore cannot shed.

Looks like a nasty campaign. Anybody heard from Willie Horton?

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# The Times-News

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## LETTERS

### CAFO 'factories' should be watched

George Humphries' flawed conclusions in the Aug. 10 edition of The Times-News deserve a response.

By his logic, Desert Creek and Cedar Draw are already subjected to pollution by other sources so huge additional amounts of pollutants aren't something to worry about. As an extension of this argument, another nuclear accident such as Chernobyl is OK since it's happened before and damage has been done. Alternatively, if cows in a CAFO were replaced with people, would we treat the odor and pollutants with the same disregard? The dairies say they are developing methods to process their by-products. Shouldn't that already be complete?

Rural Twin Falls is zoned agricultural, but parts of the county are no longer exclusively rural and agricultural. Consideration should be made accordingly. CAFOs are not farms; they are factories. And the by-products of any CAFO — from odor to pollutants — last for as long as the CAFO exists and beyond. Additionally, "free enterprise" does not mean "free-for-all." The resources used to supply food and water to these CAFOs should concern everyone. It's fair to say that the needs, health and happiness of the masses should come before the tremendous and subsidized profits of a few.

As to the "sad state of affairs when out-of-staters, activists and non-farmers try to dictate agriculture," well, it's sad when it takes an out-of-stater to see what we Idahoans are allowing to occur in our back yards. And I seriously doubt if one out-of-stater can dic-

tate Idaho policy. Must a person prove Idaho lineage in order to care? Who owns these CAFOs anyway? Newcomers from California? Doesn't that make them out-of-staters? As for activists, there's nothing wrong with caring about our limited and precious aquifer or our fragile environment. You can't drink money, George. Also, these non-farmers pay taxes, build homes, support the economy and live next to these milk factories. We all have a right to a life free of pollutants, odor and disease. How close to a CAFO do you live, George? Let's trade.

Finally, it is simple and extreme to compare food to oil. We are still the largest and cheapest food producers in the world, and CAFOs exist mostly on subsidy money derived from our tax dollars. When we have to start buying food from Russia, then you've got a point.

SHELLEY SMITH  
Twin Falls

### Cows more dangerous than wolves

Two adjacent articles on the front page of The Times-News on Aug. 10 both had to do with animals.

One man died in a car collision with a stray cow on the interstate. In the other story, federal trappers spent five days capturing a wolf which had killed three sheep. My tax dollars would have been better spent paying the federal trappers to trap cows.

It's a crazy world.  
JEFF RUPRECHT  
Twin Falls

### Freedom is worth the high price

Regarding Mr. Foren's letter in The Times-News on Monday, Aug. 7, I am amazed! His letter blasted the National Rifle Association, cops, children, Christians and the United States.

First of all, let me clarify a few things. I take great exception to your comments regarding the NRA. Contrary to what you think, not all NRA members are "insurecure" males who measure their masculinity by the caliber of weapons they pack. We (both men and women) "pack" not to measure our masculinity or for a feeling of power. It is for a feeling of safety and protection for ourselves and our families. The NRA is not made up of "angry white studs in designed camouflage whose off-road vehicle horsepower exceeds their IQ." A great many of us are well-educated, pro-

fessional women who have careers and families and are not "fanatics who need to kill anything, animal or human, to come alive for a moment." We are not "pathetic," nor are we Christian "hit men for Jesus." We are protectors of our homes, our families, our country and our rights as citizens of the United States.

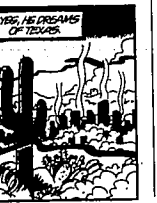
The only statement I can agree with in your letter is that guns don't kill people. You are right — people do. But it's not only cops and children. The "democratic compromise" you speak of is not "skin to self-castration." Gun restrictions do not need to be on gun makers and/or gun owners. We must decide as a nation to punish criminals swiftly and severely when a gun is used in a crime.

You ask, "Why would anyone now fight for America?" Well, sir, it's to pro-

tect your right to voice your opinions — no matter how misinformed they may be. I thank God that we live in a country with people like my husband and my grandfather who entered the military to defend our rights and fight for our freedom. If you are so unhappy with current conditions in the United States, get out! Try and find another country where there are no guns and no crime, and you will find a place where there is no freedom.

I believe one more statement from your letter should be addressed. You say NRA members "can't connect trash and a trash can." That's where you're wrong, Mr. Foren; I can connect trash and a trash can and that's right where your letter needs to go.  
MITZI R. FRANCIS  
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# Gore missed his best chance

JAMES P. PINKERTON

**L**OS ANGELES - As I wrote two weeks ago from Philadelphia, acceptance speeches can be compared to job interviews in which the electorate sizes up the presidential hopeful.

Al Gore has been a national figure since his first run for president in 1988, yet on Thursday night he needed to reintroduce himself: "I stand here tonight as my own man. I want you to know who I truly am." Who Gore truly is, of course, has been the subject of much wonderment. The latest issue of the Economist features no fewer than seven Al Gores on the cover, caricaturing him as everything from "tree hugger Al" to "Buddhist temple Al." This image problem is not entirely Gore's fault: It is endemic to the vice presidency. The last vice president to get his party's nomination, George H.W. Bush, had a similar problem. Indeed, Bush had it worse: A 1987 cover of Newsweek pasted the words "Fighting the Wimp Factor" over his photo.

Neither Bush the Elder nor Gore are particularly malleable figures in person. It was the job that eroded their standing, as they stood in the liquid carbon dioxide or in wet cleaning.

Of course, tax credits will require government spending. But as two bipartisan backers of the House bill, Reps. Donald Manzullo, R-Ill., and Carolyn McCarthy, D-N.Y., told their colleagues at a recent hearing, those costs would be far outweighed by avoiding the enormous expenditures needed to clean up properties and groundwater contaminated by dry cleaning solvents.

These House and Senate targeted tax credit bills are strongly supported by environmentalists and advocates of public health, by high-tech innovators, banks, by the wet cleaning industry and by dry cleaners that want to make the switch.

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Perhaps the George W. Bush campaign has spooked Gore into trying niceness for a nonce. And so while this vice president can still roar with the best of them when the world isn't watching - "I'll be damned if I let" (Republicans) privatize Social Security," he hollered to a crowd of unionists in an airport hangar in Michigan last week - he was far more subdued Thursday night.

The first indicator that the speech would not be a barn-burner came when the Gore campaign insisted that their man was writing his own words. Bush, by contrast, has trouble composing complete sentences, but when others compose them for him, he proved in Philadelphia that he can deliver them well. Gore, with or without a muse, was content to recycle Bill Clinton.

The vice president's hymn to those "who pay the taxes, bear the burdens and live the American dream" was a lift from the first lines of Clinton's 1992 acceptance speech, although Gore was wise to leave out another of Clinton's lines: "Play by the rules."

Gore rattled through Clinton-era policy proposals in a tone that bespoke his familiarity - even familiarity - with them. He talked up prescription drug benefits for seniors, reduced classroom size, a patient's bill of rights, campaign finance reform, and the Roe vs. Wade decision, but the passion of the audience seemed greater than the passion of the speaker.

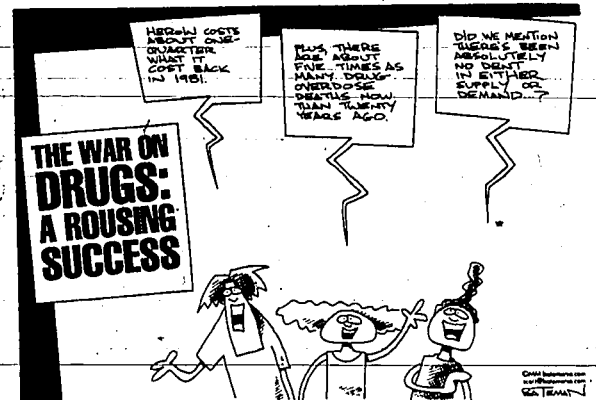
Indeed, one problem facing vice presidents is that after eight years, the best - or at least the most popular - new policy ideas have been used up. And so his

national audience, curious about Gore the man, but just as curious about Gore's vision, was left instead with carefully crafted middling words. He will reform the estate tax," he said, and "end the marriage penalty the right way." Such phrasing is useful to president trying to keep his negotiating room but not so helpful to a candidate trying to rouse voters.

Perversely, this carefully scripted campaign put the finale first. After Clinton's rousing speech Monday, it was a form fall into torpor. Repeated efforts to raise the glamorous ghost of the last Democrat nominated out of Los Angeles - John F. Kennedy - fumbled on the reality that 40 years is a long time. While the late president still is revered among Democrats, the price Gore had to pay for reviving long-gone Camelot was hosting the presidential debate Tuesday, where he, along with a parade of liberals, failed to articulate why Bush is so terrible and why Gore is so great.

Conventions have no purpose anymore except to be informals for the presidential candidate. By that reckoning, the Gore-ors who muffled their positive promises and dulled their negative attacks tossed away billions of dollars' worth of much-needed media. There's still plenty of time for Gore to rally. Indeed, the strong parallels between this election year and 1988 suggest that a sufficiently energetic campaign by the incumbent vice president against the challenging governor can work. But Gore's best opportunity to ask for the presidency has slipped away; you may have fewer days to do it, and fewer resources to do it with.

James P. Pinkerton is a *Newaday* columnist and a member of its editorial board.



## Cleaning up dry-cleaning industry

**W**hat do environmentalists, tech firms, bankers and lawmakers of both parties have in common? They are working to help the nation's dry cleaners shift from a highly toxic cleaning agent to safe and healthful alternatives.

HENRY S. COLE

Most of the nation's 35,000 dry cleaners currently use perchloroethylene to clean suits, dresses and other fine garments. "Perc" is that familiar odor that you smell when you enter a dry cleaner or remove the plastic wrapper from a freshly cleaned garment.

Unfortunately this chemical is highly toxic. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has upgraded perchloroethylene from a "possible" cause of cancer to a "probable" cause of cancer in humans.

Exposure to elevated levels of perchloroethylene can affect the nervous system causing dizziness, fatigue, headaches and reduced coordination.

If you wear a perc-cleaned jacket or blouse you are inhaling this chemical. Scientists have also established that perchloroethylene can be passed from nursing mothers through breast milk to infants.

Millions of us are being exposed. Perchloroethylene readily evaporates into air and is difficult to contain. In addition, the evidence shows that a large percentage of dry cleaners have

released perc into the ground, where it leaks into underground water supplies.

Federal, state and local governments have long recognized the risks associated with perchloroethylene and have imposed numerous regulations on dry cleaners. Unfortunately this approach while burdensome to an industry dominated by "ma and pa" shops has failed to prevent significant exposures, serious accidents and contamination of groundwater.

The answer is not tougher regulations but to get dry cleaners out of the perc business entirely. There are now two safe and healthful commercially available processes that make this goal completely feasible. They are wetcleaning and liquid carbon dioxide. EPA has recognized these two processes as environmentally preferable alternatives to perc. Water and carbon dioxide are benign ingredients vital to life.

Despite the overwhelming benefits of safe alternatives, dry cleaners will need help to make the change. The transition to new cleaning processes will be expensive especially for the many small family-owned businesses that operate on very slim margins.

This is why a bipartisan group of U.S. representatives and sena-

tors have introduced H.R. 1303 and S. 1939, bills that give dry cleaners a 20 percent tax credit to firms that invest in liquid carbon dioxide or in wet cleaning.

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## Taxes should go to people

The editorial in the Aug. 8 Times-News was right on target. Hopefully, a large number of Idahoans will write to our legislators and express those same views and demand that they give us some of our money back! Unfortunately, most politicians, circa 2000 A.D., have some strange belief that taxpayers' money, once in the government coffers, is theirs to spend. This philosophy may be coming right from the top!

Let's we forget, our good Gov. Kempthorne set a great example of spending a budget surplus during his waning days as our senator in Washington. As his staff people found other jobs or retired and his staff costs declined, the senator did not return all those allocated

funds to the general treasury but chose to use the excess money to pay sizable bonuses to his remaining staff people. This not only rewarded extraordinary income to those employees but sizably increased their "late years" earnings base on which their retirement pay would be based. Nice for them but a real "double whammy" to us taxpayers who provided the money. Try to find a commercial business who would spend a budget surplus in such a generous fashion!

Politicians will be politicians regardless of party affiliation or publicly stated principles. Unless we, who can vote them in and out of office, make it clear to them that we will not tolerate indiscriminate spending of our tax money, it's a pretty safe assumption that they

will continue to do just that! Write or call your legislators - now!

CAL JENSEN  
Twin Falls

## Mature trees become fuel

Is it possible these fires are telling us something?

Is it possible that we are starting to look at our greatest natural resource with some common sense rather than following the lead of the radical extremists that have been out of step for a long time now? Our public forests do belong to all of us. Does that mean we shouldn't do what is best for them as well as us? We should harvest our mature trees, clean out the underbrush to protect against fires, provide more food for our

wildlife, supply the nation with needed construction materials, provide a work source for our people, at the same time providing government operating revenue.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### CSI prepares to adopt budget for 2000-01

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's board today will be asked to approve the school's proposed budget for the 2000-01 school year.

The \$23.2 million budget represents a 7.9 percent increase in revenue and expenditures from this past school year, which saw a \$21.5 million budget.

For property taxpayers in Jerome and Twin Falls County, the college reports that its tax levy will remain close to the 1999-2000 rate or be slightly lower.

The board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in room 258 of the Taylor Building.

### Valley sets screening date for kindergartners

HAZELTON - Valley Elementary School will require screening this year for all kindergarten students.

Screening will be held Wednesday from 8:30 to 3 p.m. at the school for families that missed the May screening.

The kindergarten screening takes 30 minutes or longer.

Children who turn 5 before Sept. 1 can attend kindergarten this year. To register, parents must bring their child's immunization records, birth certificate and Social Security number.

Students who were screened in May already have been placed in a class and will start school Thursday or Friday. Students screened Wednesday will start school Aug. 28.

Valley will hold a developmental preschool for children who are 3 years old but will not turn 5 by Sept. 1. The preschool program is for children with developmental delays. Parents who have concerns about their child's development can contact the school office at 829-9361.

### Freshmen only on first day of Jerome school

JEROME - The first day of school Aug. 28 at Jerome High School will be devoted to freshman orientation, and students in other grades will begin classes Aug. 29.

"This day has been initiated in response to the overcrowding at the school," Principal Gail Cushman said. "The freshman class needs to have a little attention that first day, but it is impossible to provide the students with all the information they need with all the 700 sophomores, juniors, and seniors that are also at school. This should help students know what we have to offer and how they can help themselves to become good students."

Freshmen will be introduced to many of the issues and events offered at the high school, including safety recommendations, office procedures, library services, homecoming, athletics, vocational education, academic clubs, counseling, attendance and tardy procedures, and harassment issues.

They also can buy their lunch tickets.

Following the orientation, parents are invited to have lunch with their students and will receive information about the school year.

In the afternoon, students will go to their regular classes to meet their teachers.

Buses will run at regular times before and after school.

Call 324-8137 for more information.

### CSI extends registration period for firefighters

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is extending late registration for firefighters who are planning to attend CSI this fall.

CSI's fall semester begins Aug. 28. The last official day for late registration is Sept. 11. Jerry Beck, CSI's vice president of instruction, said late registration will be extended to Sept. 25 for those who were out fighting fires.

### Fund-raiser will benefit Blaine recreation district

HAILEY - Corporate tables are on sale for Best of the Valley, an annual fund-raiser for the Blaine County Recreation District being held this year on Sept. 16 at the Elkhorn Resort Plaza. The event features food and drink from some of the area's best bistros and purveyors, as well as a silent auction.

Tables seat 10 and can be reserved for \$500 by calling 788-2117.

Compiled from staff reports

# Race to drive



Luke Arellano of Jerome gets a driving lesson from Carter's Professional Driving School instructor Ray Conover.

## Teens aim to get at the wheel before law kicks in

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

### Comparison - B2

TWIN FALLS - In less than four months, it'll be tougher for teenagers to earn driver's licenses in Idaho.

Local driver's training schools say they have noticed a slight increase in their classes as teens who are aware of the new law want to earn licenses before it goes into effect Jan. 1, 2001. But many students don't know that more will be required of them.

The law will mean few changes for Idaho's driver's education programs, but does create new expectations for parents and guardians, said Beth Weaver, driver's education specialist for the State Department of Education.

The 2000 Idaho Legislature passed a graduated driver's license law that requires students wait until they turn 14 years and six months old, spend 50 hours behind the wheel with

an adult in the car, take a road skills test and face heavier penalties if convicted of a moving traffic violation while they are under 17.

Some teens admit they are glad they won't face the stricter requirements, but students working toward their licenses at Carter's Professional Driving School in Twin Falls this summer concede that they think the changes are a good plan.

"It'll teach kids more safety," said Becky Brown-Young. "There's a lot of teen accidents." A half-dozen students in the class say they knew a teen-ager killed in an auto accident. And

high fatality rates are exactly why Idaho toughened its law.

In 1998, teen drivers in Idaho represented 9 percent of licensed drivers but accounted for 21 percent of all collisions, 21 percent of injury and fatal collisions, AAA reported.

Idaho has only required six hours of observation in a driver's training car and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction in addition to 30 hours of classroom instruction before a student can apply for a daylight-only license at 15.

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and reports that Idaho is the 39th state to pass such a law. Several states including Florida, Georgia and Kentucky have recorded double-digit decreases in the percentage of teens involved in fatal and injury collisions, AAA reported.

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## Program with horses helps at-risk youths

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

ALBION - Twice a week since June, Corey Weech has been learning life lessons from a horse named Blue.

When Blue becomes unruly, Corey, 13, learns by example how to control his own actions and behavior. In handling Blue, Corey learns to be kind, patient and responsible.

Daily tasks teach him how to take directions and complete what he sets out to do. At the end of the day, cleanup chores teach Corey organization.

He works his memory by learning the parts of the horse and practices his academic skills by reading horse journals, keeping records and learning about the feeding and health of horses.

It's a program in which the horses are the counselors and the teachers, says Tammy Chaburn, who runs Positive Connections at



Corey Weech, 13, won first of show in the walk and trot category at the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo 4-H horse show. Corey completed his 4-H project at Positive Connections at the Chaburn Ranch in Albion, a new program for youth with behavioral disorders.

the Chaburn Ranch. Corey is the first student in the new program, created for youth with behavioral disorders.

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For information about Positive Connections at the Chaburn Ranch in Albion, call 673-6707.

And it's a program that Chaburn, a behavioral therapist, says has been a lifetime goal.

Chaburn has long operated the Chaburn Ranch for at-risk youth, helping them with their personal, social, educational and vocational development. She began providing psychosocial rehabilitation services in June for youth such as Corey.

Chaburn collaborated with Positive Connections LLC, of Hagerman, to set up the program. Positive Connections allows youth who qualify for Medicaid to partake in the program.

Chaburn said she is exploring other ways to help youth with behavioral disorders.

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Hay is baled at the Burley Municipal Airport, and work will begin today on moving and buying irrigation equipment that conflicts with Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

## Burley airport moves to comply with regulations

Irrigation pipes will be moved after hay baling

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Now that the hay is baled at the Burley Municipal Airport, the city can move irrigation equipment lying where the Federal Aviation Administration says it shouldn't.

Paul Irrigation company Rain For Rent will start work today,

city administrator Mark Mitton said. The project will cost \$7,000 to \$10,000 but will take only a couple days. The company has flagged every item that needs to be taken care of.

The violations came to light in a 1998 inspection, and the FAA instructed the city to move irrigation equipment that was in the

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## Developer wants to change traffic flow

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Craig Neilsen's Canyon Park-ELC wants to vacate a street vacation, that is,

Canyon Park has requested vacation of the Perrine Street right-of-way within its Canyon Park West subdivision, west of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and just south of Bridgeview Boulevard, across the street from the Magic Valley Mall.

The idea is to close off the street cutting through Canyon Park West. This would seal off traffic from Fillmore Street, but leave open an entrance into Canyon Park West.

Neilsen, formerly of Twin Falls now living in Las Vegas, is developing the property into a commercial subdivision, complete with restaurants and other businesses.

Neilsen's Canyon Park North hotel and convention center project directly to the north has drawn a great deal of criticism from local residents. That project, along with his Canyon Park East project across Blue Lakes Boulevard, is in the planning stage.

LeMar Orton, the city's planning and zoning director, said the vacation request, going through its second City Council reading tonight, will most likely be approved.

LeMar would still be an access off Blue Lakes, but it will have an access to the parking lots, Orton said. "They want to do a landscape median with a split front entrance."

The council will have a public hearing on the Canyon Park West request at 6 p.m.

In other business tonight, the council will discuss the preliminary city budget.

The city's \$26.6 million 2000-01 budget is more than a 2 percent higher than the 1999-2000 budget of \$25.9 million.

The city is expecting increases in its water and sewer rates again this year.

Those rates rose 5 percent last year. City officials are also expecting an increase in property tax rates by 2.7 percent.

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Idaho Falls youth grabs rodeo honor

The Times-News

GOODING - Jana Wilding was crowned Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho 2001 Saturday night at the Gooding County Fair.

Wilding, of Idaho Falls, the 2000 Hailey Days of the Old West Queen, will attend Idaho State University in Pocatello, majoring in physical education with a minor in dance and health.

She is the daughter of Frank and Jeannette Wilding. She won the appearance, public speaking, and photogenic categories of the competition.

Her hobbies include dancing, skiing, making scrapbooks, fishing, camping, welding and rodeo. She was on The Wrangler All Star Rodeo Team, was Youth Legislative Secretary of State, winner of dance awards, USA and NCA All-Star cheerleader, drill mistress, captain of junior high, junior varsity and varsity cheer squads, among other honors.

First runner-up was Dee Dee Chambers of Rexburg. She is the daughter of Val and

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# Kempthorne flies over blaze

## Wind shift allows residents to return on Saturday evening

The Associated Press

Residents of the small community of Atlanta were allowed to return to their homes as the fire threatened the area, causing officials to evacuate the town.

Favorable wind conditions late Saturday evening modified fire behavior enough to allow residents to go home.

"Much of the fuels surrounding Atlanta have been burned, which reduced the risk of the fire making another major run towards the town," said Steve Waters, Boise Interagency Logistics Center Manager. "Fire officials are cautiously optimistic, but still feel the community is at risk."

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne flew over the Trail Creek Fire on Sunday, accompanied by Boise National Forest Supervisor Dave Rittenhouse. Another 120 fire crews were brought in to fight the blaze, bringing the total to more than 500 people on that fire. About a dozen Atlanta residents helped firefighters refill water tankers and operate bulldozers.

There was no new information on structure damage. Two out-buildings and one summer residence were reported to have burned Saturday. Another summer home may have been damaged, in addition to some old mining structures.

The Clear Creek fire continued its range through the Salmon-Challis National Forest. It had burned 156,254 acres by Sunday. So far, fires in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness have consumed more than 70,000 acres. Only 32 people



Smoke lines the hillsides in the town of Atlanta Sunday. The fire which remained within a mile of city limits for a few days has now moved within the town, but only a few structures were damaged so far.

were staffing the fire, as it was burning in steep, rugged terrain. Most resorts along the Middle Fork and Main Salmon Rivers have been evacuated. Structure protection is in place at several locations, including the Salmon River Lodge, Gattin Ranch, Bernard Creek Guard Station, Morrison Camp, Flying B and Stub Creek.

Crews continued to staff the Rankin Creek fire 25 miles southwest of Challis. Strong winds pushed the blaze into the Adair Creek and Fourth of July drainages. Engine crews protected Sawmill Creek, Bonanza, the

historic town of Custer and the Grouse Creek Mine.

The Custer Day celebration has been canceled.

In the Sawtooth National Forest, two areas remain closed to public entry as firefighters continued battling four major wildfires.

Firefighters were making progress with the blazes, despite strong winds. The West Basin fire has grown past 40,000 acres, however.

Further north, the Burnt Flats fire, about 6 miles south of Grangeville, had spread to about 16,000 acres. It was considered

15 percent contained.

Crews were constructing fire lines and reinforcing them by burning the adjacent area. The Grangeville-Salmon Road No. 221 is closed from Fish Creek Campground to Four Corners.

The Eltzabeth fire was still burning, about 16 air miles east of Canyon Work Center in the Clearwater National Forest. It was more than 2,000 acres.

The Three Bears fire, southeast of Elk City on the Nez Perce National Forest, remained at about 25,500 acres. It was holding on the east side of Bargamin Creek.

Graduated driver's license law What will change?		
	Current	After Jan. 1, 2001
Driver's education age requirement:	14 years	14 years, six months
Probationary period:	None.	A minimum of four months supervised driving with an instruction permit after completion of a driver's education course.
Road skills test:	Not required after driver's education class.	Must be taken after the four-month probationary period, when the student earns 15 and applies for a license.
Written test:	Required.	Still required but may not be taken until after the four-month probationary period.
License age requirement:	15 with a driver's training course.	Remains the same.
Penalties:	Traffic citations don't carry greater weight for teen drivers.	Traffic citations will include written penalties for teen drivers under 17.
Night driving:	Teens restricted to daylight driving until they turn 16.	Remains the same.

### How will it work?

**Driver's training:** Teens must be 14 years, six months old to obtain a Class D instruction permit to begin driver's education training. Once a student completes a training course, a driver's training instructor will date and sign the permit and turn it over to the student's parent or legal guardian. The parent or guardian must also date and sign the permit and will be responsible for verifying that the student logs the 50 hours of supervised driving in four months. Teens still must wait until their 15th birthday to obtain their licenses, but between finishing a driver's training course and waiting for their 15th birthday, they can gain driving experience while supervised by an adult.

to the parent or guardian to verify that the student completes the 50 hours of driving during the probationary period.

**Penalties:** If a student is convicted of a traffic violation during the probationary period, the learner's permit will be canceled and the student must reapply for a permit and begin the four-month probationary period anew. A teen under 17 who holds a license will receive a written warning with a first conviction for a moving traffic violation. A second conviction will lead to a 30-day license suspension and a third conviction will lead to a 60-day suspension.

**Students who have completed driver's training** but have not been issued a driver's license by Dec. 29 must complete the graduated driver's license program before they can be issued an Idaho driver's license. They will not be required to take the training course again.

Sources: The Idaho Division of Motor Vehicles and the Idaho Department of Education

**Probationary period:** During the four-month probationary period, a student must accumulate at least 50 hours of supervised driving time with 10 hours at night. The student must be accompanied by a driver who holds a valid driver's license, is at least 21 years old, and occupies a seat beside the student driver. The student must have a permit while driving, and everyone in the vehicle must wear safety belts. It will be up

# Attorney general claims firms are fraudulent

BOISE (AP) — A Minnesota catalog company that also sells memberships in discount buying clubs will change its business practices after reaching an agreement with Idaho's Attorney General.

Damark International, Inc., has agreed to refund double the amount of dispute club memberships if it fails to tape record a future solicitation or preserve the customer consent portion of an audiotape.

The agreement comes as part of an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance negotiated by the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit. The deal was also approved by the Fourth District Court in Ada County.

Idaho consumers had com-

plainted to the attorney general's office about Damark's business practices. In some cases, consumers alleged their credit cards were charged for membership club fees without authorization.

In other cases, some people claimed Damark's telephone solicitors failed to tell them that the club memberships would be automatically renewed every year.

The agreement further requires that the audio tapes contain full disclosures relating to the renewal of memberships and the conditions of free trial offers. If the consumer and Damark cannot agree to the contents of a recording, Damark said it would pay for an arbitrator.

Damark will reimburse the attorney general's office \$15,000 for its investigation costs and legal fees.

In other consumer news, the Idaho Department of Finance has ordered two men to stop offering and selling various securities in the state.

Paul H. Smith and the Steve Munson are named in the cease and desist order. Smith operates from Riverside, Calif., while Munson resides in Meridian, Idaho.

Officials allege that Smith and Munson held investment seminars at senior citizen centers in Boise, Nampa and Caldwell, violating state securities laws in connection with the seminars.

Smith and Munson no longer are allowed to fraudulently offer or sell securities; they must repay any Idaho investors; and they must pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.

The Idaho Department of Finance has also filed a civil lawsuit and commodities lawsuit against William D. Atkins Jr. Atkins owns Morgan Sterling Currency Exchange, Inc., in Nevada, but operates from Venice, Calif.

The complaint alleges that the defendants violated both the Idaho Securities Act and the Idaho Commodity Code by their promoting and selling an investment in "off-exchange" foreign currency trading.

## Drive

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The Idaho Department of Education is enlisting the help of educators to draft guidelines for parents that will include a driving log to track the hours they supervise their child driving. Weaver said. The plan is to have the materials ready by January for distribution by the driver's education instructors.

Weaver said she believes the majority of parents will be glad to assist their children in meeting the requirements of the new law.

Some parents already don't allow new teen drivers to operate a car alone without a longer period of supervision. Kaeta Byrns, 15, said her parents had plans to monitor her driving after she finished driver's training at Carter's.

The graduated license law eliminates the down time for students who otherwise would take driver's education as soon as they turn 14, and then wait as long as 10 months without being allowed to drive even with a permit until they can apply for their

license at 15, said Micki Courtney, a driver's license program specialist with the Idaho Division of Motor Vehicles. Under the new law, students who finish driver's education and still must wait several months before their 15th birthday, will have the chance to practice. And they will be on a short leash. If they are convicted of a traffic violation during the probationary period, they must start the probationary period over again.

"There is little tolerance for irresponsible driving in that four-month period," Courtney said.

The DMV sees the new law as an advantage for the safety of young drivers, she said.

"It gives parents an opportunity to drive with them, and it gives them additional instruction until they are on their own," she said.

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## Kempthorne names Filer producer to barley commission

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has appointed Clark Kauffman as the Idaho Barley Commission's new District II Commissioner.

Kauffman is a barley producer in Filer.

He will represent barley producers throughout southwestern and south-central Idaho.

Kauffman's three-year appointment to the commission was effective on July 1.

## Horse

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sources of private funding for youth who are not eligible for Medicaid.

"It's a real positive environment because it's nature and country life," Chaburn said.

Corey completed a 4-H project through the program and won first of show in the walk and trot category at the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo. His doctor rec-

ommends the program, and he'll continue with it as long as he's eligible, said his mother, Julie Weech.

"It's a day treatment program that takes youth out to the ranch twice a week. Weech has noticed it's made Corey "a little happier." And despite the medication that tends to fatigue him in the morning, Corey is up for his 8 a.m. day at the ranch.

"To get up without fighting

## Grant funds mobile medical service

BOISE (AP) — A \$684,993 grant over the next three years will fund a mobile service unit to deliver health and wellness services to older adults in rural southeast Idaho.

A Rural Interdisciplinary Training in Geriatrics grant has been awarded jointly to the Idaho State University Kasiska College of Health Professions,

Mountain States Group, Boise, and the Area Agency on Aging.

Dr. Karen Hayward in the Idaho State nursing department, in collaboration with Linda Torrell Powell of the Idaho Rural Health Education Center, received official notice of the grant award from the Department of Health and Human Resources.

me on it ... He gets up every morning and is ready to go," Weech said.

The program gives youth a purpose and helps to socialize them. It also shows a young person the consequences of actions by focusing attention on the similar ways horses act to humans, but without charging the youth for inappropriate behavior.

"See, it's not him. It's not pointing a finger on him," Chaburn

said.

Chaburn likes to use a quote from her father-in-law, Jim Chaburn, a long-time, well-known rancher who died in April: "The best thing for the inside of a kid is the outside of a horse."

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## Rodeo

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Gail Chambers. She won the horseman's category, and tied with Erin Hale, of Nampa, in the poise and personality category.

She is the Dodge National Circuit Finals 2000 Junior Queen, plans to graduate from Eastern Idaho Technical College in 2001, and earn a master's degree in market management and an associates degree in technical advertising.

Her hobbies include barrel racing, goat tying, cow cutting, roping, snow boarding and baby-sitting. She is a 2000 junior queen in Pocatello, listed in Who's Who Among High School Students, Madison High School 2000 Outstanding Student in the area of family

and consumer science, Intermountain Professional Rodeo Queen 2000, District Seven High School Rodeo Queen for 1999 and 2000 and won Idaho High School Rodeo Challis. Hard Working Cowgirl Award for 1999.

Bellevue's Tara Rushton, daughter of Doug and Barbara Rushton, finished as second runner-up. She won the rodeo knowledge category of the competition.

The 2000 Hailley Day's of the Old West Teen Queen, Rushton plans to become a registered pediatric nurse.

She says she hopes own a horse ranch and be a life long representative of the sport of rodeo.

Her hobbies include hunting,

fishing and horse back riding. She is a member of the National Forensic League, on her school's Honor Roll, qualified for the State High School Rodeo finals and has won the district inspirational basketball player.

Burley's Stephanie King, daughter of Cory and Vicky King, won the Miss Congeniality title.

Other contestants were Shelia Jeanica Griggs, Janeli Marie Ramm, Jaclyn Bruhn, Jachelle Studer, LaNae Jensen, and Alonda Clark Sharp.

The outgoing Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho is Katie Marie Almond from Pocatello. She is the 1999 Hailley Days of the Old West Queen.

## Airport

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"object-free area." The city never fixed the problems, and only when local pilot Mike Jones complained to the FAA last year did the agency take action.

The city has said much of the equipment would just break off if an airplane struck it.

But Jones has persisted. He says the irrigation equipment could pose serious peril to off-course planes and has criticized the city for subordinating pilot safety to a farmer's income and an airport's revenue.

The airport is obligated to operate the airport in accordance with FAA regulations, according to a December 1999 letter from the FAA to Mayor Doug Manning.

The penalty is losing out on

federal grant money. But FAA section supervisor Bill Watson said Burley's airport was not in line to receive any federal money this year.

The airport was in compliance before the FAA changed its regulations, which restrict object height and says any objects must be a certain distance from runways and taxiways.

On one runway where irrigation pipes run parallel, the fix includes moving pipes back more than 100 feet, and using a T-valve to irrigate. Along a taxiway, firs will be reduced to a height of less than 3 inches, and irrigation pipes that extend out from a second runway will be buried.

City officials and airport personnel have said there have been no other complaints about the

irrigation equipment. An August letter, however, from the FAA to Manning, says that over the past several years, "The FAA has received other random inquiries regarding safety issues at the airport."

The FAA and Burley had disagreed over the timeline for repairs.

A May letter from the FAA said the equipment had to be moved immediately, but city officials wanted Burley farmer and Cassia County commissioner Paul Christensen to finish harvesting the 85 acres he leases from the city.

Filing the problem any sooner would have torn up Christensen's harvest, and Christensen's lease provides thousands of dollars for the airport, city officials said.

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- Pro golf
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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“It’s a game of gentlemen. It’s not a game of soccer.”

—Tennis player Marat Safin, upset at fans clapping on his unforgotten errors Sunday in his loss to Gustavo Kuerten at the RCA Championships

### TRIVIA

#### QUESTION:

What is the highest number of ticket requests for a Notre Dame home football game?

...answer below

### IN BRIEF

#### Barry, Fraley win at Canyon Springs

TWIN FALLS — A seven-time runner-up, Gordon Barry claimed his second Canyon Springs Golf Course men’s club championship in 10 years Sunday shooting 70 for a 142 total.

Meanwhile, Twin Falls High graduate Stephanie Fraley successfully defended her women’s club championship with a runaway nine-stroke win over Chris Sterling. Fraley, who fired a dazzling round of 70 on Saturday, came in with an 81 on Sunday. Sally Bloxham placed third with a 162, two back of Sterling.

Barry, who finished the tournament at 2-under, was the only golfer to shoot below par. Ted Black finished five strokes back for second with first-round leader Matt Smith ballooning to a 79 on Sunday leaving him in third at 159. Roger Harris took fourth with a 151.

Kevin Holcomb won the men’s first flight with a 155, three shots better than runner-up Richard Carney. Ken Nielsen took second flight honors with a two-day 168. Marty Fraley won the women’s first flight with a 12-stroke win over Kathy Anderson.

#### Arnold fires back to win Bob Lyon tournament

GOODING — Russ Arnold stormed from four shots back Sunday to win the Bob Lyon Sr. Championship at Gooding Golf Course.

Arnold, of Shoshone, fired a second-round 69 for a two-day total of 146 overtaking first-round leader Robert Anderson to win by six strokes. Anderson, of Buhl, finished tied for second with Doyle Dugger at 152. Defending champion Tom Jones placed fourth with a 153.

Tamara Yost won the women’s flight with a total of 186.

Other men’s winners included Rich Thompson (first flight, 160) and Tom Northcott (second flight, 171).

#### Pocatello marathon needs more entrants

POCATELLO — Organizers of the new Running the Gap marathon, set for Sept. 2 in Pocatello, are concerned that few Idaho competitors have signed up.

The nationally certified 26.3-mile event will also include a half-marathon. The marathon already boasts entrants from Indiana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and most western states. The event will be publicized in Runners World in July, and national participation after that should jump even further — perhaps to the point of precluding Idaho entries.

There will be 10 awards divisions for both male and female competitors. For more information, call Larry Bell at (208)232-5373 or Polly Gorley at the Pocatello Chamber of Commerce — (208)233-1525.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

57,048, for the 1997 USC game.

## Dawes, Chow head to Sydney; Miller goes home

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Amid the shrieks of glee and the tears of joy, Amy Chow and Dominique Dawes searched the room until they finally locked eyes. They didn’t need to say anything. The teammates knew exactly what the others were thinking.

The first and last members of the Magnificent Seven to come back are going to the Olympics again, and doing it together makes it that much sweeter.

“I didn’t need to have a conversation with her because we know what the Olympics are about,” Dawes said. “Sometimes it’s just

an eye glance, because we know that we’ve been there before.”

Dawes was named to her third Olympic team Sunday night at Olympic trials, Chow her second.

But fellow Mag Seven member Shannon Miller will have to be content with her memories of Atlanta after jamming her knee and withdrawing after her first event.

Joining Dawes and Chow on the Olympic team are: national champion Elise Ray (first), Kristen Maloney (third), Morgan White (fourth) and Jamie Dantzscher (fifth).

Alyssa Beckerman, who finished eighth, is the alternate. Kelli Hill, coach of Ray and

Dawes, was named head coach of the team. Mary Lee Tracy, White and Beckerman’s coach and the assistant coach in 1996, was named the assistant.

“I always imagined being on the team, but your imagination can only go so far,” Ray said. “Standing up on that floor with everyone is amazing. Being a part of it is 2,000 times better than imagining it.”

Left out was Vanessa Atler, who, as the junior champion in 1996, was expected to be the next American darling. But she came into the trials in fourth place and moved steadily downward.

The weighted scores from trials

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Amy Chow performs on the balance beam during the women’s final round of the 2000 U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Trials Sunday.

## TIGER BAGS A THREESOME



Tiger Woods points to his ball as he drops for birdie on the first hole of a three-hole playoff against Bob May at the PGA Championship Sunday at the Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. May made par on the hole.

### Woods tops May in playoff

New York Daily News

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Tiger Woods’ other four major championships were historic.

This one was epic. Never mind that the 24-year-old wunderkind became the only other person besides Ben Hogan to win three professional majors in the same year or that he is the first to win back-to-back PGA Championships since Denny

### No taming-Tiger

The Associated Press

A brief look at the final round of the PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club: **CHAMPION:** Tiger Woods, who beat Bob May by a stroke in a three-hole playoff.

**OVERTIME:** For the first time, the PGA used the three-hole playoff system.

**BIG PUTTS:** May’s 18-footer for birdie on the final hole of regulation, and the 6-foot-

er Woods followed with to force the playoff.

**MATCH PLAY:** The PGA abandoned match play in 1959. But on the back nine and through the playoff Sunday, it was Woods and May engaged in a classic match-play duel.

**HISTORY:** Woods is the first player to win three major tournaments in a year since Ben Hogan in 1953. He has five major championship titles.

**BACK-TO-BACK:** The win also was the second straight PGA for Woods, who beat Sergio Garcia by a shot last year. Woods is the first repeat winner since Donny Shute in 1937.

**WHAT IT’S WORTH:** Woods took home \$900,000 for winning, while May earned \$540,000, his biggest check ever.

Shute in 1936-37. Woods had to win at Valhalla

Golf Club Sunday, not by running away from the field but by



Bob May

staving off a heroic journeyman

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## Wallace races away with Pepsi 400

### Stewart, Gordon rehash old feud

The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — If the squeaky clean NASCAR circuit needed a little feud to spice things up, it has one.

Ru Wallace’s third win of the season was almost upstaged Sunday by another altercation between Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart.

Wallace, riding with four fresh tires on his Penske Ford, took the lead with 15 laps to go and steadily pulled away from Ricky Rudd’s Ford and Bobby Labonte’s Pontiac in the Pepsi 400.

“We had a great car all day,” Wallace said. Yet for the second straight week, the outcome of the race was less interesting than an incident involving Gordon and Stewart.

The brash Stewart, as he did a week earlier at Watkins Glen, took Gordon into a wall, causing serious damage. That time, the two almost got in a fist fight. But it didn’t lead to such bad blood on this occasion.

Stewart was running second to

**Pepsi 400**

Top 10 results Sunday of the Pepsi 400 NASCAR Winston Cup Series race at Michigan Speedway, with finishing position, starting position in parentheses, driver, type of car, laps completed, reason out, if any, and money won:

1. (10) Rusty Wallace, Ford, 200, \$110,460.
2. (4) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 200, \$94,530.
3. (5) Bobby Labonte, Pontiac, 200, \$73,430.
4. (2) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 200, \$70,275.
5. (3) Johnny Benson, Pontiac, 200, \$44,740.
6. Dale Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 200, \$51,190.
7. Jimmy Spencer, Ford, 200, \$50,365.
8. Matt Kenseth, Ford, 200, \$42,490.
9. Ward Burton, Pontiac, 200, \$49,540.
10. Jeff Burton, Ford, 200, \$60,090.

Wallace when his car got loose and touched pole-sitter Dale Earnhardt Jr. on lap 37. Earnhardt Jr. drove on, but Stewart’s Pontiac began to swerve badly. The car got sideways between the first and second turn and spun into Gordon, who was trying to get past the trouble on the high side. Gordon’s car slammed into the wall, damaging the front end, and he had to take the multi-colored Chevrolet in to have the brakes repaired.

“I just lost it down there,” Stewart said. “We were just racing hard out there. It was my

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## Comets advance 74-69

### Liberty extend series with Rockers

The Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Cynthia Cooper scored 29 points and the Houston Comets defeated the Los Angeles Sparks 74-69 Sunday to advance to their fourth consecutive WNBA finals.

The three-time champion Comets will play either the New York Liberty or Cleveland Rockers, whose Eastern Conference finals series is tied 1-1.

Tamika Whitmore had the first two baskets and the last two during New York’s 10-minute, 19-0 first-half run that turned a 7-5 deficit into a 24-7 lead for the Liberty, who went on to force a Game 3 tonight with a 51-45 win.

“It was two entirely different games in the first and second halves,” said Liberty coach Richie Adubato. “I feel confident about tomorrow because there’s no question the fans help us with our emotion and determination, but I’m concerned with the way we let down in the second half.”



Los Angeles forward Mwadi Mabika, left, and Lisa Leslie guard Houston Comets’ Cynthia Cooper during the WNBA Western Conference Finals Sunday.

after her teammate and close friend Kim Perrot died of cancer, Cooper rallied the Comets to a 2-0 series victory after winning Game 1 by 21 points in Houston. Janeth Arcain added 18 points for the Comets, including their final five. Her running jumper snipped a 69-61 tie with 39 seconds remaining. She then made three of four free throws to close out the game.

Playing one year and one day

Gymnastics

(80 percent) and last month's... Gymnastics Championships... were combined to rank the women.

be selected over someone who finished higher... That's exactly what happened as Dawes, who finished seventh, was chosen over Auer...

were on their feet as she landed perfectly and even though she waved to them when she finished, they stayed standing until she came back up for a curtain call...

Stanford to train. She doesn't know what to expect about this, "On her first vault, her opening event, Chow nailed a Yurchenko double twist...

just 0.534 points behind Ray. "I was so nervous about this," Chow said. "My second Olympics, it's pretty cool."

Miller's comeback didn't end nearly so well. A habitue crack in her right leg allowed her to do only one event, and she pulled out before withdrawing, and she hurt on her very first event Sunday night.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

American League Boxes, NL Standings, AL Standings, Orioles 2, Royals 1, Mariners 4, Yankees 6, Tigers 3.

IN THE BLEACHERS

Comic strip featuring a character named DANNIS who is a 'FUNNY GUY' and 'DEANS IS FUNNER'. Includes dialogue bubbles and a 'MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL' logo.

ON THE AIR

Television schedule including Little League World Series, WNBA Playoffs, NFL Preseason Standings, NCAA Football, PGA Championship.

WRESTLING CONFERENCE

Wrestling conference schedule for Big Ten, Big 12, and SEC divisions, listing schools and dates.

NFL PRESEASON

NFL preseason game schedule and results for various teams like Dallas, San Francisco, Carolina.

NBA RESULTS

NBA game results and box scores for teams like Washington, Detroit, Phoenix.

NETS & DODGERS

Baseball box scores for Atlanta Braves vs New York Mets and Los Angeles Dodgers vs San Francisco Giants.

PATRIOTS 4, EXPOS 3

Baseball box score for Boston Patriots vs Toronto Blue Jays.

WILDCARD RACES

Baseball standings and playoff race information for various divisions.

BREWERS 6, ASTROS 5

Baseball box score for Milwaukee Brewers vs Houston Astros.

SATURDAY'S LATE BOXES

Baseball box scores for games played on Saturday night.

PHILLIES 6, CAROLINAs 3

Baseball box score for Philadelphia Phillies vs Atlanta Braves.

NATIONAL LEAGUE BOXES

National League baseball box scores for Pittsburgh Pirates vs Cincinnati Reds and St. Louis Cardinals vs New York Mets.

PHILLIES 6, CAROLINAs 3

National League baseball box score for Philadelphia Phillies vs Atlanta Braves.

DIAMONDBACKS 1, CURBS 3

Baseball box score for San Diego Padres vs Colorado Rockies.

DIAMONDBACKS 1, CURBS 3

Baseball box score for San Diego Padres vs Colorado Rockies.

WOMEN'S BRITISH OPEN

Golf tournament results for the Women's British Open.

NOVOTI ULTIMA SHOWDOWN

Golf tournament results for the Novoti Ultima Showdown.

FLORIDA MARLIN'S

Florida Marlins baseball box scores for games against Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Atlanta Braves.

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## Robberies without obscenities

Sometimes I am so darned proud to be an American that I have to lean over and hold my stomach.

This is such a time. I have just read an amazing story about a group of Americans—regular people, just like you and me, except they live in Wisconsin—who on May 31 found themselves being straight into the eyeballs of Danger. I am proud to say that, when the chips were down, these Americans did not turn tail and knuckle under. Instead, when the fat was in the fire, they stepped up to the plate and cut the mustard.

Why do I say this? For one thing, I've been mixing my medications. But also I am deeply moved by the heroic actions of the citizens of a Wisconsin town called Rib Mountain, as reported in the Wausau (Wis.) Daily Herald, which bills itself as "A Gannett Newspaper Serving North Central Wisconsin." According to two emailed front-page Daily Herald stories written by Peter J. Wesson and sent in by alert reader Kay Meyer, here is what happened (I am not making any of this up):

It was an ordinary evening at the Aidi grocery store on Rib Mountain Drive. People were shopping for groceries, probably not expecting a man to come bursting in wearing a hood and brandishing a samurai sword.

But that is exactly what happened. In the vivid words of shopper Coreen

Poeske: "He came right through the cooler chocolate chip cookies display, just plowed through, and there were Keebler cookies spread all over."

"Give me your money!" the hooded man shouted at the cashier. He brandished his sword on the checkout counter, causing the tip to bend.

Just then, a cashier, Peter Josiger, took action.

"I just said to myself, 'What can I do to help?'" said Josiger. "So I threatened him with fruit cocktail."

Yes. Without regard to his own safety, Josiger—described by the Daily Herald as "a former pitcher on this company softball team at Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co."—picked up a can of fruit cocktail (the brand is not specified in the Daily Herald story) and, in his own words, "yelled at him to put the knife down and get the hell out of the store or I will throw you out at his feet. Well, then he got the money and ran, so I threw that can of fruit cocktail at him but missed."

Here Coreen Poeske picks up the story: "As soon as he was gone, one woman said, 'Don't you ever touch anything, because he didn't have gloves on and there will be fingerprints all over the place.' Another woman told us all to take our shopping lists and write down everything we saw for police. There were a lot of quick thinkers in there."

While the shoppers were collecting clues, the drama shifted outside to the suddenly deserted streets of Rib Mountain, where Josiger and P.J. Coe was leaving his job at Wausau Motorsports.

"He came running toward me with this sword asking for my keys," Coe told the Daily Herald. "It was like one of them three-foot-long samurai swords, and the odd thing was, the end was bent."

Again, it was a situation that called for quick thinking; again, the citizen made a lightning mental calculation.

"I said to myself, 'It's insured,'" Coe said.

So he dropped his keys, ran inside and called 911. Within minutes, the police apprehended the suspect, identified as Edward Pollard II, age 34. According to the police report:

"Pollard said he had watched several movies where armed robberies were committed, looking for techniques on how to do the robbery. Pollard decided to use the scary, threatening approach, but to use obscenities."

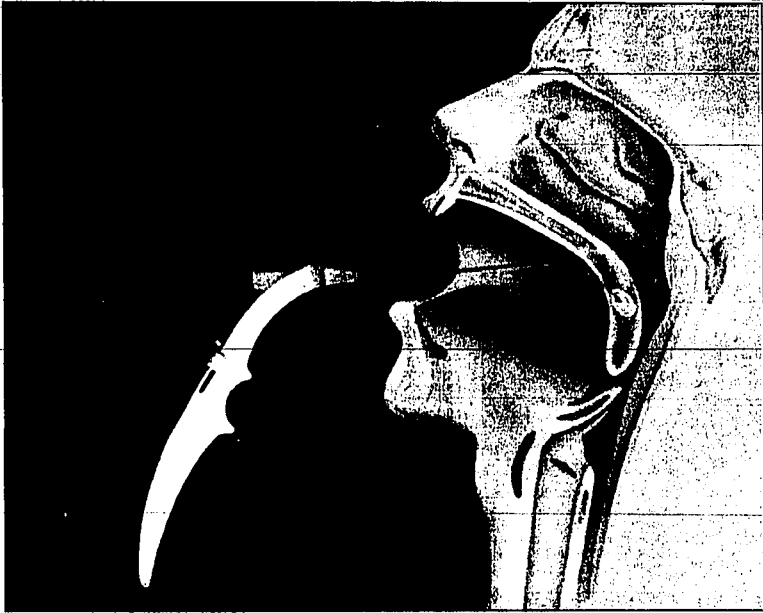
But even this masterful, obscenity-free criminal plan, based on actual movies, was no match for the brave and quick-thinking citizens of the Rib Mountain area.

If Hollywood doesn't take this drama and turn it into a major motion picture starring Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts, with Britney Spears as the cashier, then Hollywood is even stupider than I thought. Because this is a story to inspire all of us—to make us realize that, when the armed robber of unhappiness knocks over the Keebler cookie display of our complacency, we are going to stand up to the robbery. We are not afraid to hurt the fruit cocktail can of hope. At least that's how I see it. I have GOT to adjust these dosages.



HUMOR  
David Barry

# Silent night



Somnoplasty, a minimally invasive surgical approach to curbing snoring, uses a small needle inserted through the soft palate without damaging the mucous membranes.

## Somnoplasty might cure your snoring an easier way

By Joan Bean  
Times-News correspondent

### Sleep apnea - D2

**TWIN FALLS** - Snoring has been compared to the sound of a fing hammer in the wind, a trip hammer, a low-flying helicopter and a passing freight train.

It's also can be a symptom of sleep apnea, a potentially serious condition that has been linked to heart disease and other health problems.

Until now, the best hope for silence was surgically altering the uvula, that small cone-shaped mass of tissue suspended from the back of your throat. Now, perhaps, that process has become easier.

It's a procedure called somnoplasty, and it uses a device that delivers a radio frequency through a needle that is inserted

through the soft palate of the mouth without damaging the mucous membrane.

"You put the needle in and turn the machine on and radio frequency waves heat the tissue up to a predetermined level," said Dr. Julian Nicholson, a Twin Falls ear, nose and throat specialist who does somnoplasties. "And then the machine cuts off. So it's all done with the computer."

After numbing the soft palate with a local anesthetic, the needle is put in above the uvula in three places. It takes two or three minutes each time to heat to the desired degree.

The procedure coagulates the tissue and turns it into a liquid,

and then is absorbed over the next 4-6 weeks. While being absorbed, it creates a scar, shrinking the palate. In three or four years, the scar will probably be healed - "matured" is the technical term - and another procedure may be needed.

There's no bleeding, but your voice will not sound normal for 3-4 days, there will be swelling, and the snoring will actually get worse for a short time before it gets better.

The patient takes oral pain medication and can go back to work the next day.

More than half of the people who have somnoplasty need only one treatment; the rest require two or more.

The risk, Nicholson said, is minimal.

"But you've got to believe when you're doing anything that

coagulates tissue that there could be some risk of damaging nerves or damaging your voice," he said. "But there's not been any reported."

Nationally, the procedure averages about \$1,700 for three treatments, according to the University of Virginia Health System - and that doesn't include the cost of the initial exam. Many insurance companies and HMOs don't cover somnoplasties.

For the past several years, the most widely used surgery to curb snoring has been a procedure called laser-assisted uvuloplasty, or LAUP.

Dr. Marilyn Rightetti, another Twin Falls otolaryngologist, said the patient is sedated with Valium an hour and a half before surgery. His or her throat is numbed with topical anesthetic

and then he or she is given a couple of injections and the soft tissue and uvula are vaporized by laser.

Depending upon the patient, pain medication is usually needed for a few days, but he or she can go back to work the next day.

One risk of LAUP is bleeding. It's rare, but possible because tissues supplied by arteries are being cut at the back of the throat.

LAUP isn't always permanent, and the snoring is more likely to return if you drink, smoke or take antihistamines or sedatives at night.

"So there's other factors you have to take into account," Rightetti said. "But if you pick a candidate, right it can be permanent."

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## Baby shampoo for your face?

**DEAR PAULA:** I read recently about someone who has started using baby shampoo as her facial cleanser because it would remove her eye makeup without stinging, and it is much cheaper than most cleansers. Is this a good idea? If it is, would it be appropriate for someone with oily skin?  
- CINDY, VIA E-MAIL

**DEAR CINDY:** It isn't a bad idea but it's not a great idea. You could give it a try, but baby shampoo is highly fragranced and the cleansing agents in it are better for hair than for the face, as they can be rather drying and irritating in the long run, even for oily skin. It won't burn the eyes, but lots of cleansers and shampoos don't burn the eyes.

**DEAR PAULA:** I lead a very busy lifestyle, and do not really have time to devote to skin care. The problem is that I have a hard time falling asleep, so I don't wash my face at night (because that tends to wake me up). I have acne, but my dermatologist said that it didn't matter if I washed my face before I apply the Differin that I use each night. My question is: How necessary is it to wash one's face twice a day (and



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remove makeup, which currently I don't do until morning?) Am I aggravating my acne this way?  
- DANI, AMES, IOWA

**DEAR DANI:** You've got to be kidding! Your doctor actually said it's OK if you don't wash your face and just apply the Differin topical medication over your foundation. Your doctor is wrong, big-time wrong.

It is actually a bit shocking for several reasons. Cosmetics ingredients left on the skin can clog pores, prevent exfoliation, and keep oil trapped under the makeup, causing all of the problems that contribute to breakouts.

Further, Differin is in a gel base that does not penetrate foundation, so you are also losing the benefit of this drug.

## Think twice before supersizing

### Health notes

As Americans continue to embrace ethnic cuisine, nutrition experts say that they often make the mistake of "supersizing" international foods - a trend that helps fuel the growing girth of the nation. "Our eyes are getting used to everything being so big, they cannot keep the original recipe in the same proportion," says Wahida Karmally, a registered dietitian and associate research scientist at Columbia University in New York. "We are losing sight of actual portion sizes."

### Learn your arthritis

Are your joints too stiff or painful to deal with? Do you feel sick and tired from the pain? If so, you might want to check out a new booklet on arthritis published by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS). The booklet, published in English and Spanish, offers information about symptoms and advice about working with your doctor and using your medication properly. For a free copy of the booklet - "Tengo Arthritis?" in Spanish or "Do I Have Arthritis?" in English - write to

NIAMS/NIH, 1 AMS Circle, Bethesda, Md. 20892-3675 or call 1-877-22-NIAMS (1-877-226-4267).

### Playing with fire

The battle against tobacco and nicotine addiction - products that led to thousands of hard, cruel deaths in older Americans each year - is being lost on college campuses, says a blistering new study.

One in three college students - 32.9 percent - uses tobacco, and equal numbers of women and men smoke cigarettes, says Dr. Nancy Rigotti, co-author of the study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association's special tobacco issue. College students also use tobacco in more forms than previously believed, including pipe and chewing tobacco. And cigars - once favored almost exclusively by older men - are burning especially bright on the college scene: half of male students and a quarter of female students have tried them.

- combined wire service reports





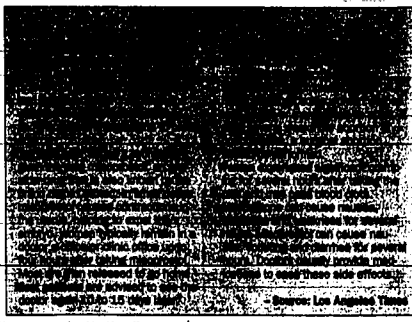
# Non-surgical abortions, without RU-486

Women find some alternatives

Even as the abortion drug known as RU-486 traverses a bureaucratic obstacle course in the United States, women are finding ways to get abortions without surgery.

"There is definitely a feeling that we need to explore other agents" for non-surgical abortions, says Dr. Bryna Harwood, a researcher at the University of Southern California.

Doctors, usually those who also perform surgical abortions, will sometimes prescribe methotrexate, a low-cost cancer drug that has been in use since 1953, as an alternative to surgery. About a dozen studies have shown the drug to be safe and effective for inducing abortion early in pregnancy, according to a recent report in the Journal of the American Medical Women's Association.



The Food and Drug Administration has not approved methotrexate for use in abortions, but doctors may prescribe it for an "off label," or unapproved, use. Physicians are

allowed to use a drug for a medical purpose not approved by the FDA if there is information indicating that such use would be reasonable and appropriate. As part of a two-drug regimen, methotrexate prevents the

embryo from implanting itself in the uterus. About three days after a woman takes methotrexate, she is given misoprostol, a drug approved for the treatment of ulcers that causes uterine contractions and triggers an abortion. Methotrexate is about as successful in producing abortion as mifepristone.

In studies of the drug, about 95 percent of women who are seven weeks pregnant or less have a complete abortion.

USC researchers are studying whether misoprostol, taken by itself, can produce an abortion. Misoprostol is also part of the two-drug regimen used in mifepristone for RU-486 abortions.

In previous studies, misoprostol used alone has been effective in 61 percent to 94 percent of cases in women who are no more than seven weeks pregnant, according to the Journal of the American Medical Women's Association. In more recent studies, however, USC researcher Daniel Mishell reports success rates similar to those of mifepristone or methotrexate.

# Bottled water habit might drain wallet dry

The Washington Post

Most Americans still don't drink enough water every day, and often suffer from fatigue, headaches and other symptoms of chronic dehydration, according to a new national survey, sponsored by Rockefeller University and the International Bottled Water Association.

But if consumers plan to drink bottled water to meet the eight glasses recommended daily, they better be prepared to drain their wallets. Bottled water can run up to 30 cents per glass - or \$72 a month - according to a new review by Consumer Reports.

And cost doesn't necessarily guarantee taste or safety, Consumer Reports found. All 39 brands of bottled water (tested met current standards for chlorine byproducts). But several brands unnamed by Consumer Reports contained more arsenic than would be allowed by the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed standard. A couple of samples had a fairly high level of bacteria "that can indicate spotty sanitation," and the testing found that eight of 10 large water jugs tested "leached a potentially problematic plastic component into the water."

The only bottled water to earn an excellent taste rating was also the most expensive. Volvic Natural Spring Water was described as "very clean, no off flavors." But it also cost 29 cents per glass.

Better buys with little taste difference were Dannon Natural Spring Water (14 cents per glass), Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water, Knarr's American Pure Natural Spring Water and Albertson's Am\* Natural Spring Water (all 12 cents per glass). Each earned a "very good" taste rating, while the better-known Evian cost at least twice as much (28 cents per glass) and only earned a "good" taste rating.

The type of bottle can make a big difference in taste, Consumer Reports found. Best of the bunch: bottles made of polyethylene terephthalate, or PET. PET bottles are clear, strong and leave "nothing more than a faint sweet or fruity plastic flavor, if that." Bottles made from high-density polyethylene (the opaque, flexible plastic often used for milk and juice) cost less but impart "a slight melted-plastic taste to water," Consumer Reports found, and are more likely to absorb flavors from foods stored nearby.

# Evidence points to estrogen as not being heart-healthy

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA - Whatever estrogen does or does not do, it is definitely good for women's hearts. Right?

Not necessarily. Evidence is mounting that taking hormones after menopause may not protect against heart disease, and may even make heart problems worse for some women.

This is astounding, considering that for two decades, doctors have been telling postmenopausal women that taking estrogen confers cardiovascular benefits. In fact, the prevailing medical wisdom is that for most women, those benefits outweigh the small increased risk of breast cancer and dangerous blood clots.

The circumstantial evidence of benefit is compelling. Unlike men, women rarely suffer heart attacks before age 50, suggesting that estrogen gives them a cardiovascular edge until it declines at menopause. Estrogen increases good cholesterol and decreases the bad type, thus reducing fatty plaque formation. And studies have observed the health habits of postmenopausal women have consistently found that those who take estrogen have lower rates of heart disease, or fewer recurrent heart attacks after developing heart disease, than those who don't take estrogen.

The problem is that these "observational" studies are not as reliable as clinical trials, in which women are randomly assigned to take hormones or a placebo. Only recently have such clinical trials been conducted, and the results are rattling.

Two such trials recruited women who had already been diagnosed with heart disease.

Data from the landmark Heart and Estrogen/progestin Replacement Study (HERS), published in 1998 in the Journal of the American Medical Association, showed that hormone-takers had a 50 percent increased risk of heart

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attack or death due to heart disease compared to women on placebo during the first year of the study. This was true even though the cholesterol profile improved for the hormone-takers.

While they had a lower risk in the fourth and fifth years, overall there was no cardiovascular benefit. They also had more deep-vein blood clots and gallbladder disease problems long linked to estrogen. As a result, the researchers recommended against starting hormone treatment for heart attack

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prevention in women with heart disease.

The Estrogen Replacement and Atherosclerosis (ERA) trial, presented two months ago at a cardiology convention, found that after an average of three years, fatty plaque buildup in the arteries of women taking estrogen, with or without progesterin, was no different than in women taking a placebo. (A woman with an intact uterus needs progesterin to help prevent estrogen from causing endometrial cancer.) With only 309 women, the trial was too small to compare heart attack risks.

# Women play part in evolution, new study suggests

The Associated Press

Sorry guys, but it isn't a man's world. Men and women are more alike than scientists thought in their propensity to create genetic mutations that pass to their offspring, a study suggests.

Since evolution, researchers report in the journal Nature that the finding "flies in the face of the thinking that we've long held in human genetics, that men are in the driver's seat when it comes to human evolution."

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**DEBTS, HEIRS and HOMESTEADS**

**QUESTION:** My father died recently owing creditors a lot of money. Will his house sale proceeds be used to pay debts?

*Dennis S. Voorhees*

Probably not. Idaho law extends his homestead rights in his principal residence (and its sale proceeds) to his heirs or devisees under his will.

Terms: a homestead right is a person's right to claim up to \$50,000 of equity in a principal residence from the claims of creditors. An heir is a person entitled to inherit from the estate of a person who dies without a will. A devisee is a person designated to inherit under a will.

Although you might think that a homeowner's homestead rights would lapse at death - under Idaho law they survive for the benefit of heirs and devisees.

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- 2) Reconfirm flights 24 hours prior to departure and before you go to the airport. Unfortunately, they may delay the flight once you are at the gate.
- 3) Be prepared for delays. Carry books to read, snacks and whatever else will make the delay more tolerable. Don't be afraid to ask for a food voucher if the delay is running through a meal hour.
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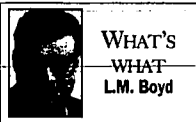
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# What is the toughest organic substance?



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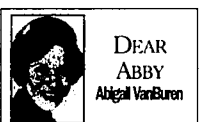
**Q. Are state lotteries addictive?**  
A. To some, evidently. People in the Gamblers Anonymous say more than 70 percent of that group's members admit serious lottery addiction.  
Los Angeles has more licensed pilots than all of Europe.  
**Q. "For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism." Isn't that Gold's Law?**  
A. No, that's Harrison's Postulate. Gold's Law is: "If the shoe fits, it's ugly."  
You're a good keyboarder if you only make one mistake every 300 strokes, according to the experts.

know more about you." He now says an occasional literary lover at this point quotes Plato: "You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."  
Yes, doodlebugs always walk backwards.  
You've read a bird's feather for size and weight is the strongest thing in nature. But that distinction also has been given to a spider's web. What about butterfly wings? Tissue-thin, they stand up to migration flights of thousands of miles.  
If it doesn't have two antennae on its head, it's not an insect.  
Who am I to disparage Erwin

Friend, the inventor of the skinless hotdog? Nobody, I'm nobody. Friend had his reasons, however ridiculous.  
The male Indian elephant may flirt a bit as a teenager, but he doesn't get serious in romance until he's about 21 years old.  
You've read dinner guests in 17th-century France had to bring their own knives. That was low-brow. In Paris and Versailles, dinner guests had to bring their own waiters. That was high-brow.  
**Q. What's the fuzz on a tennis ball good for?**  
A. Racket control.  
The most common kind of paper clip weighs about a gram.

## Job Corps gives teen lessons for living

**DEAR ABBY:** Although your column is often a trouble-dump, may I share some good news? Our son was a troubled teen with behavioral problems. He dropped out of school and hung out with a very rough crowd. We tried everything we could to steer him in the right direction; nothing worked - until we found Job Corps. We were thrilled to find an alternative to a boot-camp program. After a rocky start, our son is now succeeding. He is learning to be a welder and is close to getting his high school diploma.  
The Job Corps is run by the U.S. Department of Labor and provides education and training for qualified youth, ages 16 through 24. Our son lives in a dorm supervised by counselors. He rises at 6:45 a.m. (a huge adjustment!). He has a structured day - performing chores, attending academic and job-training classes, and afterward playing basketball or seeing a movie.  
Abby, please inform other parents and young adults about the Job Corps. It has been a godsend for our son, and for us.  
-PROUD PARENTS IN COLORADO



DEAR ABBY  
Abby Cadabby

I have a will, a durable power of attorney for health-care decisions, and a general power of attorney in case I become mentally impaired.  
I have designated my only child, a daughter, to carry out these decisions. When I try to talk to her about my affairs after my death, she says she just can't talk to me about such things. She is very squeamish about the whole subject. She is married to a lawyer, and they don't even have a will. Trying to tell my family my wishes hasn't seemed to work. Do you have another suggestion for me?  
-FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

**DEAR PROUD PARENTS:** Thousands of young men and women have benefited from Job Corps. I urge anyone interested in Job Corps to call 1-800-733-5627 and speak to a counselor.  
Students in Job Corps live and learn in a safe environment with "zero tolerance" for violence and drugs.

**DEAR ABBY:** You replied to a funeral director: "The answer lies in being informed consumers, facing the fact of our mortality, and perhaps taking care of the details before the need arises. An important part of that process is being open with one's family about what one's wishes are, and what arrangements have been made."  
Well, Abby, I am a realist and have faced the fact of my mortality

**DEAR FRESNO:** Yes. Face it, you can't count on your daughter to carry out your wishes. Consider appointing your attorney as your executor, make sure your doctors are aware of your health-care decisions, and find someone else - a close friend, perhaps - to name in your power of attorney documents. Your daughter is too emotional to be up to the task you've assigned her.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was recently trying to decide why my parents and in-laws seemed younger than some of my contemporaries, and then I realized: "You know you're getting older when you spend more time talking about what you did than what you're going to do."  
-ROLF BOLSTAD, MINNEAPOLIS

## Ice skater fights breast cancer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Kristi Yamaguchi and her Always Dream Foundation are taking up the battle against breast cancer.  
The 1992 Olympic figure skating champion has invited other skaters and entertainers for "A Golden Moment," a show on Oct. 21 at the Arena in Oakland, with proceeds benefiting the Susan G. Komen Foundation and other organizations that conduct research into

battling and curing breast cancer.  
Actor Richard Roundtree and 1968 Olympic gold medalist Peggy Fleming, both cancer survivors, will serve as master and mistress of ceremonies.

## Leo - pay attention to long distance communication

**IF AUGUST 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You have a marvelous sense of humor. Your intellectual curiosity causes you to be aware of many areas, even those distant to basic beliefs. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life - could have these letters, initials in names: C, L, U. During September, you solve long-standing dilemma. Change, travel, flirtation in October. Possible change of residence, marital status during November.  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Financial problem solved to your advantage. Check details. Be aware of subtle innuendoes. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play major roles. Be dynamic, alert.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Circumstances turn in your favor. Be selective; choose quality. Money comes from surprise source almost as if a lightning bolt out of the blue. Libra involved.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Hold back; play waiting game. All may not be as it appears on surface. Perfect techniques, streamline procedures. Pisces, Virgo individuals play roles.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Step out of your ordinary role. You'll be involved in gigantic financial transaction. Insist on getting your fair share. Capricorn figures in scenario.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Long-distance communication important. Pay attention. You could be involved in international news. What seemed foregone conclusion is not. Aries plays daring role.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Shake off emotional lethargy.

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Stress independence, original thinking. Get to heart of matters. You could win major prize. Leo, Aquarius natives help at last minute.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Once again you display loyalty, Imprint style. Make personal appearances. Campaign for those who share beliefs. Family member confides financial dilemma.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Although it is not part of your general makeup, you make people laugh. Focus on diversity, versatility, intellectual curiosity. Money is made available.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Be willing to step down in order to rebuild. Make this your make-over day. People say, "I like you better this way." Taurus, Scorpio figure in scenario.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You are up and about. Your influence is felt in positive manner. Read and write; learn by teaching. Member of opposite sex confides, "I can't resist you."  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Attention revolves around home, family, ability to beautify surroundings. You will be sensitive to sound. Music plays; dance to your own tune. Libra represented.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Questions loom large concerning business partnership, marriage. Don't force issues. You win via diplomacy. Virgo and another Pisces will play astounding roles.

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**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

1. IVE SAT HERE NOW FOR SEVEN HOURS, AND NOT ONE PERSON HAS SAID A KIND WORD TO ME!

2. HELLO THERE, LITTLE FRIEND!

3. RATS!

4. THERE GOES MY SPOT IN THE "GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS"!

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

1. ELLI, ARE YOU LEAVING ALREADY? IT'S 8 IN THE MORNING!

2. I COULDN'T SLEEP SO IM WORSE THAN THIS MORNING. THERE'S STILL A LOT TO DO - AND I WANT EVERYTHING TO GO PERFECTLY!

3. HONEY, NOTHING EVER GOES PERFECTLY!

4. BUT IF I AM FOR PERFECT, THAT'S ALL I WANT OF LIFE. "REALLY GOOD?"

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

1. IF I HIRED YOU, HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

2. I USUALLY IGNORE CHAIN LETTERS.

3. LETS TRY ANOTHER.

4. DID YOU FINISH YOUR IN BASKET?

5. NO; I'LL NEED A FEW MORE APPLICANTS.

**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

1. THERE'S TOO MUCH TIME WASTED IN IDLE GOSSIP AT THIS OFFICE!

2. AND WHY TOO MANY FALSE FLIMMERS FLOATING AROUND!

3. THAT'S NOT THE WAY I HEAR IT!

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

1. DAD, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TERMITE AND A CARPENTER ANT?

2. THAT'S EASY... CARPENTER ANTS HAVE A LITTLE LOOP IN THEIR OVERALLS FOR A HAMMER.

3. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

4. CAN ANTS INHERIT A SENSE FOR STUPIDITY?

5. JUST ONE.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

1. IS IT TRUE THAT ONE YEAR OF A DOGS LIFE IS THE SAME AS SEVEN YEARS FOR US?

2. YES, THATS RIGHT, NELSON.

3. WOW, I GUESS THEY MUST HAVE TO CRAM SEVEN YEARS OF LIVING INTO JUST ONE.

4. ROBBIE DOESNT LOOK LIKE HES CRAMMING NEW LIVES DOES HE?

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

1. BRING MY PANTS BACK!

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketcham

1. \*A NEW DRESS? YOU HAVEN'T EVEN OUTFROWN YOUR OLD ONE!\*

**The Family Circus** By Bil Heath

1. IS YOUR MOMMY HOME?

2. "Hang on. I'll ask her."

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

1. HOW WAS YOUR CAMPING TRIP?

2. GREAT!

3. WE HIKED 6 MILES, WE MADE A FIRE, AND WE SLEPT UNDER THE STARS!

4. I GOT BLISTERS ON MY FEET, I BURNT MY HAND AND MY BACK IS KILLING ME!

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

1. TONIGHT I DINED AT A VERY FANCY RESTAURANT, PEBBACO!

2. SWEE SWEE SWEE SWEE

3. THIS IS OKAY ONCE IN A WHILE, BUT I REALLY PREFER HOMEMADE BREATH!

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

1. I'M LEAVING FOR ANOTHER JOB.

2. THERE IS JUST NO DIVERSITY HERE.

3. TRY THE ZOO.

**Zita** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

1. UP AT THE CRACK OF NOON, EN JEREMY?

2. WHAT'S THE OCCASION?

3. DID YOU GET TIRED OF MISSING BREAKFAST AND LUNCH?

4. HELLO? CHANNEL TWO'S SON IS AWAKE! SEND OVER A NEWS CREW RIGHT AWAY!

5. IT'S NOT SUMMER UNLESS YOUR MOM IS RAGGING ON YOU ABOUT YOUR GUEETING HABITS.

6. IT NEVER (REALIZE!)

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

1. IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE BOILED DRAGON, HAGAR...

2. I JUST NEED A LARGER POT!

**Luann** By Greg Evans

1. BOAD, I HAVE SOME CHORES FOR YOU TO DO.

2. DID YOU INSTALL SENSORS IN THIS COUCH, OR WHAT?

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

1. SARGE MUST BE REALLY MAD AT BEETLE.

2. HOW CAN YOU TELL?

3. HE'S GIVING HIM THE "SILENT TREATMENT"

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

1. THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

2. HUH?

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

1. FIRE, THE WHEEL... EVERYTHING IS HAPPENING SO FAST...

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

1. WHY FIRE AND BRIMSTONE IS THE MOST POPULAR CHOICE OF ETERNAL PUNISHMENT.

2. CHOOSE ONE: FIRE, HELL, GOLF, OR PIZZAS.

**The Born Loser** By Art Sansom & Chip

1. THE KETCHUP YOU SPILLED ON YOUR WHITE SHIRT AT LUNCH IS GONE!

2. DONT TELL ME THE HAND SOAP IN OUR LAVATORY REMOVED THE STAIN!

3. NOPE... I USED "WHITE-OUT" ON IT!

# MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## San Francisco's Quake-proof airport extras

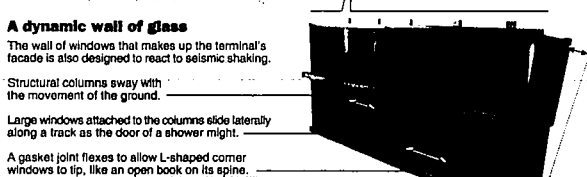
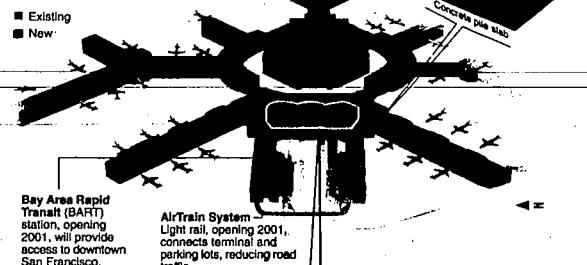
New additions to the San Francisco International Airport, including the 2.5-million-square-foot international terminal, were designed to streamline and make safe one of the busiest airports in the nation. Beyond its aesthetics, the architectural design of the new facility is meant to protect it against any severe earthquakes that hit the region.

### Rolling with the punches

Rather than being fixed rigidly in the foundation, the 267 columns supporting the new terminal sit on bearings that allow the building to shift smoothly and resiliently, protecting it against earthquakes as strong as magnitude 8.

### Stainless steel slider glides within a socket attached to the column.

Low-friction concave dish. The dish cups the slider as it moves up to 20 inches in any direction.



Source: Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP, Earthquake Protection Systems Inc. John Jurjensen, Tonia Cowen / AP

## Airport officials hope to avoid turbulence when facility opens

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - There were plenty of challenges building a \$1.25 billion terminal around an existing airport, and less than three miles from the San Andreas fault.

Now comes another challenge: opening it.

The operators of San Francisco International Airport don't want to take a chance of following the examples of new airports at Denver; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Milan, Italy; Oslo, Norway; or Hong Kong.

"Those are well-known disasters," says Jason Yuen, chairman of the project's advisory board. Problems at those airports, ranging from canceled flights

and delayed cargo to systemwide computer breakdowns and a luggage-eating baggage system, delayed travelers and cost millions of dollars.

San Francisco's \$2.4 billion airport expansion - including the nation's biggest international terminal, two parking garages, a light rail system, rental and cargo facilities and road work - is the largest public works project in city history.

The new terminal, which eventually will handle 260 flights a day, fits like a horseshoe around the existing airport.

Part of the expense stemmed from its proximity to the San Andreas. The new terminal

stands on 267 steel dishes that will allow it to roll - and remain intact and operational - during an earthquake.

Yuen says airport officials hope to steer around the worst problems by, in part, not rushing things. They decided last week to postpone the scheduled Sept. 26 opening by up to 90 days.

Still-unreliable systems could misdirect luggage and both gate assignments. Plus, fire alarm testing and certification is behind schedule.

"The bottom line is that we felt the risk was too great to open a building whose systems aren't ready," says airport spokesman Ron Wilson.

## FOR THE RECORD

**The Times-News**

**TWIN FALLS** - Recent activity in Fifth District Court in Twin Falls included the following:

Lon Joseph Holzman, 40, no address listed, battery, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$1,500 bond.

Samuel Joseph Corona, 28, no address listed, aggravated battery; no plea entered; preliminary hearing Aug. 25.

Donnae Edward Itunty, 29, 1631 11th Ave. East, Twin Falls; battery, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$2,500 bond.

Vincent Dabbert Miller, 37, no address listed; petty theft, assault, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$2,500 bond.

Ricoberto Carranza Tapia, 35, 1172 West, 1300 South, Olathe; DUI (excessive); pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$500 bond.

Balazs A. Rozsai, 41, 134 Caliente, Twin Falls; assault, domestic violence, battery, domestic violence, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$1,000 bond.

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Wendy Marie Klotz, 42, 1201 Starline, Twin Falls; DUI; no plea entered; public defender appointed, \$1,000 bond.

Orion Tom Dobson, 42, 3505 Highway 93 South, Twin Falls; tampering with a vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$300 bond.

Thomas J. Vaughn, 55, 703 3rd Ave. West, Twin Falls; DUI; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$1,500 bond.

Charles Almaguer, 18, Nampa; consumption of alcohol by a minor, resisting or obstructing officers; pleaded guilty, \$150 fine, \$53.50 in costs.

Deleah Harvey Kinschall, 1573 Pandanus Court, Olathe; no plea entered; public defender appointed, preliminary hearing Aug. 25.

Chet Odell Sneed, 36, 350 Grandview, Twin Falls; injury to a child; no plea entered; public defender appointed, preliminary hearing Aug. 25.

Leon Richard Murray, 38, inmate, Idaho Department of Corrections; Boise; assault and battery against correctional officers, three counts; no plea entered; public defender appointed.

Tracy Wayne Frazier, 31, 728 Adair Ave., Filer; petty theft; no plea entered; public defender appointed, \$1,000 bond.

Karl Jo Kingston, 26, 1429 9th Ave. East, Twin Falls; battery, no plea entered; public defender appointed, \$10,000 bond.

Robert E. Weaver, 34, 800 1st Street, Twin Falls; DUI; no plea entered; public defender appointed, \$1,000 bond.

Miguel Montoya Lopez, 44, 1385 West, 600 South, Marsburg; failure to purchase a driver's license, injury to a child; no plea entered; public defender appointed, \$5,000 bond.

Shane Allen Wagman, 25, 425 14th Ave. West, Boise; domestic battery; no plea entered; public defender appointed.

Larry Lynn Devoe, 20, 2077 N. Libby, Salt Lake City; fraudulent use of a financial transaction card; no plea entered; public defender appointed, \$2,200 bond.

Dawn L. LaMotta, 18, 720 Birchwood Ave., 8 & 1/2, Laramie; without privilege; no plea entered.

Oscar Jack Hansen, 18, 248 2nd Ave. North, Twin Falls; trafficking non-manipulative; no plea entered, public defender appointed, \$5,000 bond.

Shon Gonzalez, 21, 324 Maple, Castleford; intimidating a witness; no plea entered, public defender appointed, \$10,000 bond.

John Vernon Moore III, 46, no address listed; trespassing, disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, sentence hearing pending, \$1,000 bond.

Ronald D. Quinn, 47, 400 North Main, No. 4, Kimberly; DUI, driving without privilege; no plea entered; public defender appointed, \$1,500 bond.

Marcur J. Gifford, 25, 1272 East, 4200 North; Bully; grand theft; no plea entered, public defender appointed, \$10,000 bond.

Tyran M. Moore, 47, 1201 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; battery; domestic violence; no plea entered; public defender appointed, \$5,000 bond.

## Fish count exceeds estimates

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Department of Fish and Game fisheries biologists had predicted at least 100 sockeye would return to the Sawtooth Basin this year and the figures so far stand at 165.

On Aug. 11, 165 of the endangered salmon had returned 900 miles from the ocean through the Columbia, Snake and Salmon Rivers.

The sockeye run this year outpaces any recent return and is larger than the total of all runs since the fish was placed on the federal endangered species list.

The adult fish in this run left Idaho as smolts in 1998. Most were bred to that stage in a captive breeding program.

In 1998, an estimated 143,000 sockeye smolts left the Sawtooth Valley in route to the ocean. That year 81,000 yearling smolts were released into the Upper Salmon River and into Redfish Lake Creek to head to Redfish Lake.

Another 60,000 smolts migrated from Redfish, Alurus, and Pettit Lakes where they had been planted in 1997 as sub-yearlings. About 2,000 wild or natural smolts, most of which came from adult or eyed-egg plants to Redfish Lake also headed downriver in 1998.

Fisheries biologist Paul Kline said most of the adults will be released to spawn naturally in the three lakes while 10 to 20 may be kept and incorporated into the spawning program at Eagle Hatchery. Additional hatchery-produced adults will be available to plant this year as well.

The sockeye recovery program is a cooperative effort with Fish and Game, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the University of Idaho.

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